



HALLOWEEN



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- ▶ Halloween is originally a Celtic holiday which is celebrated in the US, Canada, the UK, Australia and other Anglo-Saxon countries.
- ▶ Halloween is an abbreviation of „All Hallows‘ Eve“, which in Old English was the eve of All Saints' Day.
- ▶ On this day people reminded their deceased ancestors.
- ▶ The date of Halloween is every year the same, it is celebrated on October 31st.

- ▶ Since the 16th century it has been customary to walk in costumes from house to house and change poem or carol for candy.
- ▶ People decorate their houses with decorations.



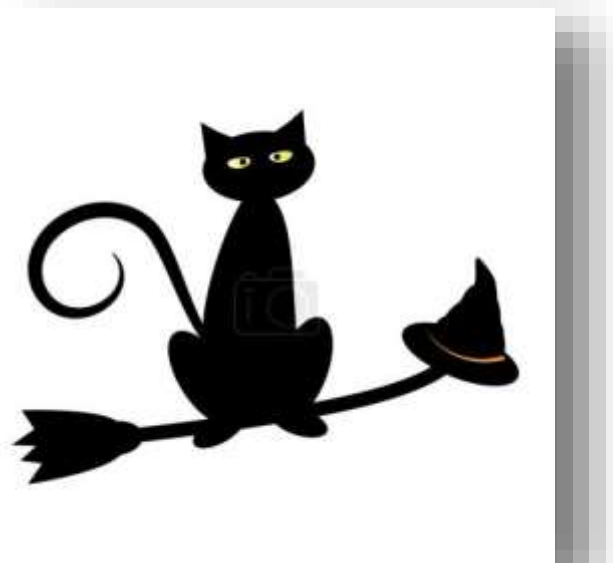
Symbols

▶ Halloween has 4 main symbols:

1) **Hollowed out pumpkins** are the most famous symbol of Halloween. Candles inside the pumpkins are inserted to help carolers navigate the dark streets. The scarier face on the pumpkin, the more it will drive away evil spirits.



2) **The cat** was considered a sacred creature already by the Egyptians, who worshipped her as the goddess of harvest. In the Middle Ages, black cats were seen as pets from the witches, and as a symbol of Halloween have survived to this day.



3) **Masks and costumes** were used to help the celebrating Celts to confuse evil spirits. People at that time believed that the scary disguises would confuse the ghosts and they would leave them alone. Spooky costumes were to represent the souls of the dead.



4) **Witches**, according to superstitions, accompany evil spirits on their ways. People were afraid of them and believed that witches had the greatest power on Halloween.



Traditions and customs

- ▶ **Trick-or-treating** means "Give me a carol or I'll do something to you" and it's the best known Halloween tradition. Children in costumes walk around neighbors, sing carols and for that gets small sweets. If the owner of the house does not open the door, they will make a small revenge. Like throwing toilet paper on his house. Caroling is always after dark.



- ▶ **Horror stories and ghost stories**, only older children tells them. The scarier the story is, the better. Many of the series aired special witch episodes in Halloween week.
- ▶ **Halloween parade** is held in larger cities, where children compete for the most original and scary mask.



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