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Secondary school Second Grade - Unit 8 Comparative chart

Specific competency: Read short literary essays in order to compare cultural aspects from English-speaking countries and Mexico

Exercises for the students

Achievement 1: Understand the general meaning, main ideas, and some details in a short literary essay.

Exercise 1: Halloween for English-speaking countries

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

vampires - October – pumpkins - treat – 2000 - apple
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Halloween is celebrated on 1) _____ 31st. It was originally a pagan holiday that honored the dead. Halloween refers to "All Hallows Evening ", and dates back to over 2) _____ years ago.

Children dress up as witches, ghosts or 3) _____, and they go from house to house playing trick or 4) _____.

In Ireland, many games are played, including "snap-apple," a game in which an 5) _____ on a string is tied to a doorframe or tree and players attempt to bite the hanging apple.

In Canada, Jack O`Lanterns are carved and the festivities include parties, trick-or-treating and the decorating of homes with 6) _____ and corn stalks.