

A cartoon illustration of a young girl with pigtails, wearing a black top and purple boots. She has a large, smiling jellyfish on her head, which is wearing a blue tutu. The entire illustration is set within a white rounded square on an orange background.

, skeletons

, ghosts

and spiders

everywhere too!

, and play Halloween games

, dance to music and eat lots of

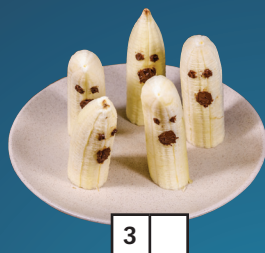


and other Halloween treats

. It's great fun for everyone!



**1** Read the texts and match them to the correct pictures.



# HALLOWEEN FOOD

*We all love eating sweets like chocolate, lollipops and gummies, but what else can we eat at Halloween? Let's look at some fun food we can make to celebrate this day.*

## A BOO-NANA GHOSTS

For your next Halloween party, why don't you make this delicious and healthy snack? It's so easy to make!

You just cut a banana in half and stick chocolate pieces on the top part for the eyes and mouth. Put them on a plate and you're ready!

## B Mini pumpkins

Don't have pumpkins? No problem! Take an orange and a celery stick. Peel your orange and cut your celery into thinner sticks. Put the celery stick in the middle of the fruit and that's it! You can even decorate it with chocolate to make it look like small Jack o' Lanterns!

## C Yummy Mummies

Not all food at Halloween is sweet! These delicious snacks are sure to make everyone scream for more!

To make them, cut sausages in half and then take thin pieces of pastry dough and wrap the sausages. Don't forget to leave an opening for the eyes. After you bake them, add ketchup or black peppercorns for the eyes.

**2** Look at the recipe and put the steps into the correct order.



### Ingredients:

- 6 round biscuits
- vanilla or chocolate icing
- 24 sesame sticks
- 6 round sweets (for the eyes)



### How to make in 5 steps:

- Next, put 4 sesame sticks on each side for the legs.
- After that put some icing on the sweets and put them on the top biscuit for the eyes.
- Finally, put your spider biscuits on a plate and you're finished!
- First, take a biscuit and put some icing on it.
- Then, put another biscuit on top of the icing to make a sandwich. Be careful not to break the sesame sticks!

**1** Who was Stingy Jack? What did he carry? Read to find out.

# Halloween

## The Legend of Stingy Jack

Long ago in Ireland, people used to tell the story of Stingy Jack. He was an unkind and nasty man whose ghost wandered the country during Samhain\*, a festival that took place on 31st October every year. Stingy Jack carried a turnip with a light inside to see his way in the dark. To keep Stingy Jack away, the Irish carved their own turnip lanterns and put them outside their houses at Samhain. They called these turnip lanterns Jack o' Lanterns.

In the 1800s, many Irish people moved to America. They realised pumpkins were easier to carve than turnips, and so they started making their Jack o' Lanterns out of these. The idea became popular and now people all over the USA carve pumpkins on 31st October. Of course, Samhain isn't celebrated much in America these days, so instead Jack o' Lanterns have become a symbol for Halloween.

## Make your own Jack o' Lantern

It's quite easy to make a Jack o' Lantern. All you need is a pumpkin, a knife and spoon, and a marker pen. First, ask an adult to cut the top off your pumpkin with the knife. Make sure they do it carefully because this will be the lid. Next, use your spoon to scrape all the seeds from the inside of the pumpkin. Then, draw your design on your pumpkin with the marker pen. You can draw a happy face, a scary face, a witch – your design can be as simple or as complicated as you like! Ask an adult to cut along the lines you drew with the knife. Push the cut pieces out – you can use them to make soup or pumpkin pie. Then put a candle inside your pumpkin and light it. Put the lid on and your Jack o' Lantern is finished!

\*pronounced sow-win

**2** Put the steps (a-h) in the correct order (1-8).



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|----------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>a</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Scrape all the seeds from inside the pumpkin with a spoon.    |
| <b>b</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Put a candle inside the pumpkin and light it.                 |
| <b>c</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ask an adult to cut along the lines of your design.           |
| <b>d</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Put the lid on your finished Jack o' Lantern.                 |
| <b>e</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Push the pieces out of the pumpkin.                           |
| <b>f</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Gather your supplies: a pumpkin, knife, spoon and marker pen. |
| <b>g</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Ask an adult to cut the top off the pumpkin with a knife.     |
| <b>h</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Draw your design on the pumpkin with a marker pen.            |



**3** Which of the steps can you see in the photos 1-5?

**4** Now design your own Jack o' Lantern.



**1** Do the quiz about Halloween. Then check your answers.

## QUIZ

- 1 Halloween is based on an old festival called Samhain. Which country was that festival first celebrated in?  
**A** Britain      **B** China      **C** the USA
- 2 Orange and black are traditional Halloween colours. Orange represents the harvest, but what does black represent?  
**A** sadness      **B** magic      **C** darkness
- 3 These days, where does the largest Halloween parade in the world take place?  
**A** New York City, USA    **B** London, UK      **C** Dublin, Ireland
- 4 The word 'witch' comes from an old English word. What did it mean?  
**A** wicked person    **B** wise woman    **C** evil woman
- 5 Long ago, what did people believe witches disguised themselves as?  
**A** foxes      **B** owls      **C** spiders
- 6 What did people think witches had as pets?  
**A** black cats      **B** black dogs      **C** black bears
- 7 On Halloween, children go trick-or-treating. They visit their neighbours and ask for chocolate or sweets. The tradition began in Ireland, but what did people use to do to get a treat?  
**A** tell a joke      **B** tell a story      **C** dance
- 8 What were the first Jack o' Lanterns made of?  
**A** turnips      **B** sweet potatoes      **C** pumpkins
- 9 What is a popular Halloween game?  
**A** musical chairs    **B** pass the parcel  
**C** bobbing for apples
- 10 How big is the largest pumpkin on record?  
**A** 420 kg    **B** 680 kg    **C** 820 kg

Answers  
1 A, 2 C, 3 A, 4 B, 5 B, 6 A, 7 C, 8 A, 9 C, 10 B

**2** Research online to find more facts about Halloween. In groups, create your own quiz. Swap with another group and answer the questions. How many did you get right?



## Halloween A1

**1**

1 PARTIES

2 TOFFEE

3 SKELETONS

4 JACK O' LANTERNS

5 FANCY DRESS

6 GAMES

7 TRICK OR TREATING

8 SPIDERS

9 TREATS

10 SWEETS

11 GHOSTS

## Halloween A2

**1**

1B

2C

3A

**2**

a2

b4

c5

d1

e3

## Halloween B1

**1**

Stingy Jack was an unkind man whose ghost wandered Ireland during Samhain, a festival that took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> of October every year. Jack carried a turnip with a light inside to see his way through. In contrast, the Irish carved their own turnip lanterns to keep Jack away and put them outside their houses in Samhain. Those were called Jack o' Lanterns.

**2**

1f

2g

3a

4h

5c

6e

7b

8d

**3**

1g

2a

3f

4g

5h

**4**

*Ss' own answers*

## **Halloween B2**

**1**

Answers already given

**2**

*Ss' own answers*



