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Halloween

Halloween is a fun autumn festival is celebrated in many countries around the world including Canada. Halloween is on October 31, every year.

Many years ago people called Celts lived in Ireland, the UK and France.

November 1 was their New Year's Day. They believed that the night before the New Year (October 31) was a time when the living and the dead came together.

They worried that ghosts would cause problems or hurt them. So on the night before November 1, people wore costumes that looked like ghosts or other evil creatures. They thought if they dressed like that, the ghosts would think they were also dead and not harm them.

In Canada and America we put candles inside the pumpkins and use them as lanterns. We call them Jack 'o lanterns today.

Halloween is not considered a religious holiday anymore. It is a fun day for children. The children dress up in ghost costumes. They go from house to house. They knock on doors and say "trick or treat." The house owners give candies to them.

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