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The Changing Face of Halloween



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Halloween Troublemakers 万圣节的捣蛋鬼

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习。

October 31st is Halloween when children in the UK dress up as ghosts, witches and all kinds of weird, wonderful but very scary creatures and go "trick or treating". They visit their neighbours and show off their costumes and in return are given goodies.

If a child knocks on your door on Halloween, you should be ready with treats (usually sweets or chocolate) for them. If you don't hand over a treat, they might play a trick on you, like saying "Boo!" to try to scare you or play some other kind of harmless prank.

But the innocence of Halloween could be on the wane. Police departments around the country say there's been a sharp rise in anti-social behaviour linked to the traditional door-to-door Halloween calls.

Chris Weigold of Avon and Somerset police said "On an average day we receive 776 calls via the 999 system but on the 31st of October this was up to 1388 last year"

In Surrey Chief Inspector Stribblehill said "The way people celebrate Halloween has been steadily changing over the last few years. I think trick or treating has become more aggressive. It used to be pulling a horrible face or something equally harmless, but more and more youngsters are doing things like throwing eggs or flour, and that can be very intimidating, particularly for the elderly or vulnerable."

Last year Surrey police had to deal with complaints of broken windows and fireworks being pushed through letterboxes. Whilst in Dorset the police are distributing posters that people can put up in their windows to let trick or treaters know they aren't welcome.

This year, however, things have changed. A group of teenagers who were trick or treating in Bristol noticed a house on fire. They broke in through a window and saw 33 year old Mike Starr unconscious on the floor. They dragged him out and helped him to hospital. One of the boys' mothers said: "I'm really proud of them all."

So it seems a kinder, more gentle Halloween might be in store for us all from now on.

Glossary 词汇表

weird – 离奇古怪的	scary – 恐怖的
goodies – (糖果等)好东西	hand over – 交给, 移交
play a trick – 捉弄	harmless prank – 无恶意的恶作剧
innocence – 清白, 单纯	on the wane – 衰竭, 消逝
anti-social behaviour – 反社会行为	door-to-door – 挨家挨户
the 999 system – 999紧急呼救	steadily – 稳定地
pulling a horrible face – 做个吓人的鬼脸	intimidating – 咄咄逼人的
vulnerable – 柔弱的, 易受攻击的	complaints – 抱怨
fireworks – 烟花	letterboxes – 信箱
broke in – 闯入	unconscious – 不省人事的

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Mainly children and young people celebrate Halloween. True / False
2. Halloween treats are gifts like CDs, ipods and TVs. True / False
3. Last year the police in Summerset were busier than average on Halloween. True / False
4. The way young people trick or treat has changed suddenly in the last few years. True / False
5. A group of teenage boys rescued Mike Starr on Halloween. True / False

2. Label the Picture 标注图片

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1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

a bag of treats
flour and eggs

fireworks
a ghost

a witch's hat and broom
trick or treating

3. Phrasal verbs about parties and celebrations 表达联欢庆祝的动词短语

Look at the phrasal verbs below. Can you match them to their definitions?

请在右侧的选项当中找出下列动词词组的正确解释。

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|----------------|---|
| 1. to give out | a. to make something explode, like a firework |
| 2. to put up | b. put on a costume, to put on clothes and pretend to be someone else (for example, a ghost or a famous person) |
| 3. to dress up | c. to display, to show |
| 4. to let off | d. to distribute something to everyone in a group |

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the phrasal verbs.

请用以上动词词组完形填空。

1. At Christmas time, everyone likes to _____ _____ decorations - pictures of snowmen and Santa Clause - in their houses.
2. I've always enjoyed _____ _____. My favourite costume is a Spiderman outfit.
3. At Chinese New Year, my friends love to _____ _____ fireworks that make lots of noise.
4. At the end of a children's party, the parents usually _____ _____ a small bag of sweets and treats to all the children who came to the party.

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with Halloween in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m).

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与万圣节有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

h	f	u	f	e	s	t	i	v	a	l	a
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c	h	s	q	r	r	k	e	r	i	e	c
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i	e	e	s	r	v	c	n	c	h	r	s
l	i	b	i	t	h	w	k	c	b	a	t
f	g	t	r	e	a	t	g	c	o	t	u
c	u	g	h	u	f	u	v	k	u	e	m
h	t	n	s	u	u	u	m	o	r	a	e

trick	treat	ghost	prank	neighbour
children	costume	fun	celebrate	festival

Answers 答案

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- c
- b
- a

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