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Halloween

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One minute a day is all you need to improve your listening skills.

Focus on new words, grammar and pronunciation in this short text.

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIP**

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I'm English so I don't know a lot about Halloween. I knew from when I was a kid that it was an American thing that involved pumpkins. Then I found out about trick or treat and wearing costumes. I loved the idea of dressing up in scary costumes and walking around the streets. Another early memory I have is watching the horror movie 'Halloween' round my friend's house on video. I remember being scared to walk back home that night. The first time I took part in Halloween was at a school party in Japan. I shaved my head, covered it in white face paint and wrapped myself from head to toe in toilet paper. Riding a train to Osaka for the party dressed as a mummy was great fun. I still need to find out more about the history of Halloween though.



 **LISTENING GAP FILL**

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
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 **STUDENT HALLOWEEN SURVEY**

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Write five GOOD questions about Halloween in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



 WRITING

From: <http://www.listenAminute.com/h/halloween.html>

Write about Halloween for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.



HOMEWORK

- 1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.
- 2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about Halloween. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.
- 3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about Halloween. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.
- 4. HALLOWEEN POSTER** Make a poster about Halloween. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.
- 5. MY HALLOWEEN LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on Halloween. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.
- 6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on Halloween. Share your findings with the class.

