

Lesson 13

Read about the history of Halloween.¹

HALLOWEEN

Here are some new words:

dark [dɑ:k] — тёмный
die [daɪ] (dying) — умирать
past [pɑ:st] — прошлый
fear [fiə] — страх
believe [bi'li:v] — верить
ghost [gəʊst] — привидение
witch [wɪtʃ] — ведьма
ride (rode [rəʊd]) — ехать верхом
broomstick ['brʊmstɪk] — метла
relative ['relatɪv] — родственник

In late October the days grow shorter and the nights grow longer. It's colder and **darker** and cold winds blow. The leaves fall down from the trees. The year is ending and everything is **dying**. Winter is coming, with its long dark nights.

People stay at home in the evenings and at weekends.

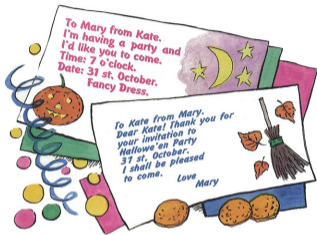
It's the time of Halloween. Halloween is a great holiday. Halloween is the end of autumn and the start of winter.

In the **past** this festival was a time of **fear**. People **believed** in **ghosts** and **witches** and they stayed at home.

At Halloween the ghosts of the dead and all the witches of the world **rode** in the sky on their **broomsticks**.

¹ **Halloween** (Hallowe'en) [ˌhæləʊ'ɪn] — праздник, отмечается 31 октября накануне Дня всех святых (All Saints' Day, November, 1). "Hallow" означает «святой» (saint).

Many countries celebrate Halloween, but in different ways. People invite their **relatives** and friends to Halloween parties and send invitation cards, like this:



Today this festival is a time for fun, for Halloween parties.

Now ghosts and witches are people dressed in old and funny clothes. On the 31st of October at Halloween parties they eat tasty autumn food — pumpkin pies and cakes.

Let us have a talk.

1. The description of late autumn is beautiful, isn't it? Try to describe it in the same way.
2. Why was Halloween a time of fear in the past?
3. And now Halloween is a time for fun. Why so?

Lesson 14

Read the text to learn how American children celebrate Halloween.

TRICK OR TREAT

Here are some new words:

special ['speʃəl] — специальный, особый
trick [trɪk] — шутка
treat [tri:t] — угощение
neighbour ['neɪbə] — сосед
cry [kraɪ] — кричать
knock [nɒk] — стучать

In America the children play a **special** game at Halloween: "**Trick or Treat**". They dress up as ghosts, witches, clowns or pirates and visit their **neighbours**.

"Trick or treat!" they **cry**. People must give them a treat: some fruit, sweets or chocolate. When there is no treat, the children play a trick on them and run away. Sometimes they come back again, **knock** at the door and run away. It's all good fun and the evening ends with parties for children.

Try to learn the rhymes "Halloween".

HALLOWEEN

The sky is blue, the sky is green,
Have you got a penny for Halloween?
Halloween, Halloween.

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Ghosts and witches can be seen.
Trick or Treat, Trick or Treat!
Give us something good to eat.

