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| Fertigkeit  | Lesen   |
| Relevante(r) Deskriptor(en)                         | <b>Deskriptor 4:</b><br>Kann unkomplizierte Sachtexte über Themen, die mit den eigenen Interessen und Fachgebieten aus den Themenbereichen des Lehrplans in Zusammenhang stehen, mit befriedigendem Verständnis lesen. (B1) |
| Themenbereich(e)                                    | Feste und Feiern<br>Interkulturelle und landeskundliche Aspekte   |
| Zeitbedarf  | 15 Minuten  |
| Länge des Lesetextes                                | 394 Wörter  |
| Material- und Medienbedarf                          | Schreibmaterial   |
| Besondere Bemerkungen,<br>Hinweise zur Durchführung | ---   |
| Quelle  | ---   |



## HALLOWEEN

Read the text about Halloween.

**Then tick (✓) the four questions on your task sheet.**

On the night of October 31st, many children all over the world dress up and go from house/flat to house/flat. They tell the people who live there that they can choose between “trick or treat”. This means that the grown-ups must either give their young visitors sweets or some money – a “treat” – or expect the children to play a trick on them. Teenagers also often celebrate Halloween costume parties with their friends. But coming up with the coolest Halloween costume ever is like trying to score a 100% on a difficult maths test – impossible! Every time I think I’ve got the perfect idea, I think about it a little bit more and it turns out not so perfect. It’s crazy!

Okay, first of all: why do we dress up in the first place? Well, mostly because the tradition of Halloween goes way back. It started as a ritual dealing with the spirits of people who had died during the year. Back in the old days, people thought that the spirits of these people would come back to earth one night each year – on October 31st! This was why people tried to trick the spirits by dressing up in costumes so that they could be seen as someone else because they were afraid of the spirits! The tradition of Halloween finally made it to America in 1840 when some Irish immigrants came over. Halloween gradually became a fun night for kids and the chance to get lots of candy – and now it has really nothing to do with spirits coming back to earth! It’s just a good time!

When the whole dressing-up thing started, people didn’t just walk down to their closest store and pick up a costume. They had to do it all by themselves! They probably made masks out of materials they had around. Maybe that’s why costumes like vampires and witches were so popular – they are easy to do with things that you can find around your house.

But, let’s face it, not many people want to settle for just a plain old vampire or a plain old witch these days! Now we’ve got fancy masks and crazy clothes to wear, and really, you can basically find a costume out there for just about anything you want to be! There is special make-up for creating bloody cuts, black eyes or zombie faces – so you can spend a lot of money on your Halloween costume!



Tick (✓) the correct answers:

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- She/He finds it very difficult.
- She/He thinks it is as boring as doing maths.
- She/He does not want to be hot in them.

(2) Why did people start dressing up on Halloween?

- They wanted to have fun.
- They wanted the dead people to have fun.
- They wanted to live forever.
- They did not want to be hurt by the spirits.

(3) Why did so many people dress up as vampires?

- They were afraid of vampires.
- It was the funniest costume.
- Most shops had vampire costumes.
- This costume was easy to make.

(4) What does the writer say about dressing up today?

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