

GUY FAWKES NIGHT

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THE READING / TAPESCRIPT

Guy Fawkes Night is a very British celebration. It celebrates a failed attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament (that's where Big Ben is) in London. This was probably one of the first examples of terrorism, only it didn't work. It all happened on November the fifth, 1605. A group of Catholics who were unhappy with their Protestant rulers wanted to bring the government down. Their leader was a man called Guy Fawkes and his plan was called the Gunpowder Plot. Fortunately, some passers-by saw Guy Fawkes and his followers with the gunpowder. Guy Fawkes was arrested. He was put on a bonfire and burned to death. In Britain and former British colonies, this day is also called Bonfire Night.

Bonfire Night is perhaps the biggest outdoor celebration in Britain. Unfortunately, it is in winter and takes place at night. You have to brave the cold, but it is a happy occasion. Every town and village puts on a fireworks display. There is usually a large bonfire in the middle of the town. People gather at it to watch the fireworks and eat traditional Guy Fawkes Night food. Baked potatoes and toffee apples are the most popular treats. There is usually a mock guy on the bonfire to represent the real one that died 400 years ago. Many families have smaller celebrations and will have their own, private fireworks display in their garden. There are many warnings to be careful because every year, children are injured in fireworks accidents.

PHRASE MATCH

Match the following phrases from the article.

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. blow up the Houses | a. down |
| 2. the first examples | b. burned to death |
| 3. bring the government | c. colonies |
| 4. his plan was called the | d. of Parliament |
| 5. He was put on a bonfire and | e. of terrorism |
| 6. former British | f. Gunpowder Plot |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. the biggest outdoor | a. treats |
| 2. takes place | b. celebration in Britain |
| 3. a happy | c. accidents |
| 4. in the middle | d. at night |
| 5. the most popular | e. occasion |
| 6. children are injured in fireworks | f. of the town |

LISTENING GAP FILL

Guy Fawkes Night _____ celebration. It celebrates a failed attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament (that's where Big Ben is) in London. This was probably _____ examples of terrorism, only it didn't work. It all happened on November the fifth, 1605. A group of Catholics who were _____ Protestant rulers wanted to bring the government down. Their leader was a man called Guy Fawkes _____ called the Gunpowder Plot. Fortunately, _____ saw Guy Fawkes and his followers with the gunpowder. Guy Fawkes was arrested. _____ bonfire and burned to death. In Britain and former British colonies, this day is also called Bonfire Night.

Bonfire Night is perhaps _____ celebration in Britain. Unfortunately, it is in winter and takes _____. You have to brave the cold, but it is a happy occasion. Every town and village puts on a fireworks display. There is usually _____ in the middle of the town. People gather at it to watch the fireworks and eat traditional Guy Fawkes Night food. Baked potatoes and toffee apples are the most popular treats. There is _____ guy on the bonfire to represent the real one that died 400 years ago. Many families have smaller celebrations and will _____, private fireworks display in their garden. There are many warnings to be careful because every year, children are injured in _____.

WHILE READING / LISTENING GAP FILL

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

Guy Fawkes Night is a _____ British celebration. It celebrates a failed attempt to _____ up the Houses of Parliament (that's where Big Ben is) in London. This was probably one of the first examples of _____, only it didn't work. It all happened on November the fifth, 1605. A _____ of Catholics who were unhappy with their Protestant rulers wanted to _____ the government down. Their leader was a man called Guy Fawkes and his _____ was called the Gunpowder Plot. Fortunately, some passers-by saw Guy Fawkes and his _____ with the gunpowder. Guy Fawkes was arrested. He was put on a bonfire and burned to _____. In Britain and former British colonies, this day is also called Bonfire Night.

followers

terrorism

plan

very

group

death

bring

blow

Bonfire Night is perhaps the _____ outdoor celebration in Britain. Unfortunately, it is in winter and takes place at _____. You have to brave the cold, but it is a happy _____. Every town and village puts on a fireworks display. There is usually a large bonfire in the _____ of the town. People gather at it to watch the fireworks and eat _____ Guy Fawkes Night food. Baked potatoes and toffee apples are the most popular _____. There is usually a mock guy on the bonfire to represent the real one that died 400 years ago. Many families have smaller celebrations and will have their own, _____ fireworks display in their garden. There are many warnings to be careful because every year, children are _____ in fireworks accidents.

occasion

biggest

traditional

treats

middle

injured

night

private

CHOOSE THE CORRECT WORD

Delete the wrong word in each of the pairs of *italics*.

Guy Fawkes Night is a *too / very* British celebration. It celebrates a failed attempt to blow *up / down* the Houses of Parliament (that's where Big Ben is) in London. This was probably one of the first *examples / example* of terrorism, only it didn't work. It all happened on November the *five / fifth*, 1605. A group of Catholics who were unhappy with their Protestant rulers wanted to *brought / bring* the government down. Their leader was a man called Guy Fawkes and his *plan / plans* was called the Gunpowder Plot. Fortunately, some passers-by saw Guy Fawkes and his followers with the gunpowder. Guy Fawkes was *arresting / arrested*. He was put on a bonfire and burned to death. In Britain and *farmer / former* British colonies, this day is also called Bonfire Night.

Bonfire Night is perhaps the biggest outdoor *celebrate / celebration* in Britain. Unfortunately, it is in winter and takes place at night. You have to *bravery / brave* the cold, but it is a happy occasion. Every town and village puts *in / on* a fireworks display. There is usually a large bonfire in the middle of the town. People *gather / gathered* at it to watch the fireworks and eat traditional Guy Fawkes Night food. Baked potatoes and toffee apples are the most popular *treaties / treats*. There is usually a mock guy on the bonfire to represent the *really / real* one that died 400 years ago. Many families have smaller celebrations and will have their own, private fireworks *display / spray* in their garden. There are many warnings to be careful because every year, children are *injury / injured* in fireworks accidents.

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Guy Fawkes Night is a (1) _____ British celebration. It celebrates a failed attempt to blow up the Houses of Parliament (that's where Big Ben is) in London. This was (2) _____ one of the first examples of terrorism, only it didn't work. It all happened on November the (3) _____, 1605. A group of Catholics who were unhappy with their Protestant rulers wanted to bring the government (4) _____. Their leader was a man called Guy Fawkes and his plan was called the Gunpowder Plot. Fortunately, some passers-(5) _____ saw Guy Fawkes and his followers with the gunpowder. Guy Fawkes was arrested. He was put on a bonfire and burned to (6) _____. In Britain and former British colonies, this day is also called Bonfire Night.

Bonfire Night is perhaps the biggest outdoor (7) _____ in Britain. Unfortunately, it is in winter and takes place at night. You have to (8) _____ the cold, but it is a happy occasion. Every town and village puts on a fireworks display. There is usually a large bonfire in the middle of the town. People gather (9) _____ it to watch the fireworks and eat traditional Guy Fawkes Night food. Baked potatoes and toffee apples are the most popular treats. There is usually a mock guy on the bonfire to (10) _____ the real one that died 400 years ago. Many families have smaller celebrations and will have their (11) _____, private fireworks display in their garden. There are many warnings to be careful because every year, children are (12) _____ in fireworks accidents.

Put the correct words from this table into the article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| 1. | (a) lots | (b) very | (c) much | (d) lot of |
| 2. | (a) probably | (b) probability | (c) probable | (d) problem |
| 3. | (a) five | (b) fifty | (c) fifth | (d) fiftieth |
| 4. | (a) up | (b) on | (c) in | (d) down |
| 5. | (a) up | (b) along | (c) by | (d) through |
| 6. | (a) dead | (b) death | (c) die | (d) dying |
| 7. | (a) celebration | (b) celebrates | (c) celebrated | (d) celebratory |
| 8. | (a) brave | (b) braves | (c) bravery | (d) braved |
| 9. | (a) to | (b) on | (c) in | (d) at |
| 10. | (a) send | (b) sent | (c) represent | (d) present |
| 11. | (a) owner | (b) own | (c) owns | (d) owned |
| 12. | (a) injury | (b) injuries | (c) injuring | (d) injured |

SPELLING

Spell the jumbled words (from the text) correctly.

Paragraph 1

1. a failed aemtttp
2. one of the first eplxams
3. November the hfitf
4. aerspss-by saw Guy Fawkes
5. bnurd to death
6. mofrer British colonies

Paragraph 2

7. odootr celebration
8. vbrae the cold
9. fireworks dpsaliy
10. plauopr treats
11. warnings to be rfcauel
12. nrejud in fireworks accidents

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () Bonfire Night is perhaps the biggest outdoor celebration in Britain. Unfortunately, it is in winter and takes
- () place at night. You have to brave the cold, but it is a happy occasion. Every town and village puts
- () with the gunpowder. Guy Fawkes was arrested. He was put on a bonfire and burned
- () with their Protestant rulers wanted to bring the government down. Their leader was a man called Guy Fawkes and his plan was
- () to death. In Britain and former British colonies, this day is also called Bonfire Night.
- () fireworks and eat traditional Guy Fawkes Night food. Baked potatoes and toffee apples are the most
- () called the Gunpowder Plot. Fortunately, some passers-by saw Guy Fawkes and his followers
- (**1**) Guy Fawkes Night is a very British celebration. It celebrates a failed attempt to blow up the Houses of
- () Parliament (that's where Big Ben is) in London. This was probably one of the first examples of
- () terrorism, only it didn't work. It all happened on November the fifth, 1605. A group of Catholics who were unhappy
- () warnings to be careful because every year, children are injured in fireworks accidents.
- () have smaller celebrations and will have their own, private fireworks display in their garden. There are many
- () on a fireworks display. There is usually a large bonfire in the middle of the town. People gather at it to watch the
- () popular treats. There is usually a mock guy on the bonfire to represent the real one that died 400 years ago. Many families

SCRAMBLED SENTENCES

With a partner, put the words back into the correct order.

1. Houses to of blow Parliament up the Attempt.

2. the of One terrorism of examples first.

3. happened all It fifth the November on.

4. unhappy were who Catholics of group A.

5. put on a bonfire and burned to death He was.

6. Britain The outdoor in biggest celebration.

7. You to the have brave cold.

8. in of bonfire middle town large the the A.

9. are apples Toffee treats popular most the.

10. are fireworks Every children in , injured accidents year.

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

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THE GUY FAWKES NIGHT SURVEY

Write five questions about Guy Fawkes Night in the table. Do this in pairs/groups. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

Without your partner, interview other students. Write down their answers.

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

Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

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: Search the Internet and find more information about Guy Fawkes Night. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about Guy Fawkes Night. Write about what happens around the world. Include two imaginary interviews with people who did something on this day.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. POSTER: Make your own poster about Guy Fawkes Night. Write about what will happen on this day around the world.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.