**Halloween** je [sviatok](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sviatok) oslavovaný ráno [31. októbra](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/31._okt%C3%B3bra%22%20%5Co%20%2231.%20okt%C3%B3bra). Oslavujú ho predovšetkým deti oblečené v kostýmoch, ktorí navštevujú susedov a pýtajú sladkosti. Oslavuje sa hlavne v západnom svete, najmä v [USA](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spojen%C3%A9_%C5%A1t%C3%A1ty%22%20%5Co%20%22Spojen%C3%A9%20%C5%A1t%C3%A1ty), [Portoriku](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Portoriko), [Írsku](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/%C3%8Drsko), [Spojenom kráľovstve](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Spojen%C3%A9_kr%C3%A1%C4%BEovstvo), [Kanade](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanada), ako aj v [Austrálii](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Austr%C3%A1lia_%28%C5%A1t%C3%A1t%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Austr%C3%A1lia%20%28%C5%A1t%C3%A1t%29) a na [Novom Zélande](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nov%C3%BD_Z%C3%A9land%22%20%5Co%20%22Nov%C3%BD%20Z%C3%A9land). Pôvod má v Írsku, ako [pohanský](http://sk.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pohan%22%20%5Co%20%22Pohan) sviatok.

Pôvodný názov bol Halloween, skratka z anglického Halloweenen (doslovný preklad: predvečer všetkých svätých). Halloween je pôvodne pohanský (keltský) sviatok Samhain - pohanský nový rok (koniec pohanského roku). Možno sa stretnúť aj s názvom predvečer sviatku všetkých svätých. Pravdepodobne má väzbu aj na kresťanský sviatok všetkých svätých.

Tradičnými znakmi Halloweenu sú tekvice, špeciálne vyrezané a vo vnútri je sviečka, ďalej čarodejnice, duchovia, čierne mačky, metly, oheň, príšery, kostlivci a pod. Farby červená,žltá, oranžová.

  

 **Tekvice v Japonsku**

 [Washington, D.C.](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Washington%2C_D.C.) pavúky

**Halloween** is an annual [holiday](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holiday%22%20%5Co%20%22Holiday) observed on October 31. It has roots in the [Celtic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Celtic_polytheism%22%20%5Co%20%22Celtic%20polytheism) festival of [Samhain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Samhain%22%20%5Co%20%22Samhain) and the Christian holiday [All Saints' Day](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/All_Saints%27_Day%22%20%5Co%20%22All%20Saints%27%20Day), but is today largely a secular celebration.

Common Halloween activities include [trick-or-treating](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trick-or-treating%22%20%5Co%20%22Trick-or-treating), wearing [costumes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Halloween_costume%22%20%5Co%20%22Halloween%20costume) and attending [costume parties](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costume_party%22%20%5Co%20%22Costume%20party), carving [jack-o'-lanterns](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jack-o%27-lantern), [ghost tours](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghost), [bonfires](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bonfire), [apple bobbing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Apple_bobbing), visiting [haunted attractions](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haunted_attraction), committing [pranks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prank), telling [ghost stories](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghost_story) or other frightening tales, and watching [horror films](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horror_film).

**Symbols**

The carving of [pumpkins](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pumpkin%22%20%5Co%20%22Pumpkin) is associated with Halloween in North America where pumpkins are both readily available. Many families that celebrate Halloween carve a pumpkin into a frightening or comical face and place it on their doorstep after dark.

The [imagery](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Image%22%20%5Co%20%22Image) of Halloween is derived from many sources, including national customs, works of [Gothic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gothic_fiction%22%20%5Co%20%22Gothic%20fiction) and [horror](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horror_fiction%22%20%5Co%20%22Horror%20fiction) literature (such as the novels *[Frankenstein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frankenstein%22%20%5Co%20%22Frankenstein)* and *[Dracula](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dracula%22%20%5Co%20%22Dracula)*), and classic horror films (such as *[Frankenstein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frankenstein_%281931_film%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Frankenstein%20%281931%20film%29)* and *[The Mummy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Mummy_%281932_film%29%22%20%5Co%20%22The%20Mummy%20%281932%20film%29)*) .

Homes are often decorated with these types of symbols around Halloween.

Halloween imagery includes themes of [death](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Death%22%20%5Co%20%22Death), [evil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evil), the [occult](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Occult), [magic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Magic_%28paranormal%29), or mythical [monsters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monster%22%20%5Co%20%22Monster). Traditional characters include [ghosts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghost%22%20%5Co%20%22Ghost), [witches](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witchcraft), [skeletons](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skeleton_%28undead%29), [vampires](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vampire), [werewolves](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Werewolf), [demons](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Demon), [bats](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bat), and [black cats](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_cat%22%20%5Co%20%22Black%20cat). The colours **black** and **orange** are associated with the celebrations, perhaps because of the darkness of night and the colour of fire, autumn leaves or pumpkins.

**Trick-or-treating and guising**

  



Trick-or-treating in [Sweden](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sweden%22%20%5Co%20%22Sweden). People dressing in Halloween Costumes

 in [Dublin](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dublin).

Trick-or-treating is a customary celebration for children on Halloween.

**Children go in costume from house to house**, asking for treats such as **candy or** sometimes **money**, with the question, **"Trick or treat?"** The word "trick" refers to a (mostly idle) "threat" to perform mischief on the homeowners or their property if no treat is given. In this custom the child performs some sort of trick, i.e. sings a song or tells a ghost story, to earn their treats.

Hallowe’en provided an opportunity for real strenuous **fun**.

No real damage was done except to the temper of some who had to hunt for wagon wheels, gates, wagons, barrels, etc., much of which decorated the front street.

**Costumes**

Costumes are traditionally those of monsters such as [vampires](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vampire), [ghosts](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ghosts_in_European_culture), [skeletons](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skeleton_%28undead%29), [witches](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Witch), and [devils](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Devil), or in more recent years such [science fiction](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Science_fiction)-inspired characters as [aliens](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extraterrestrial_life) and [superheroes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Superhero). There are also costumes of pop culture figures like **presidents, athletes, celebrities**, or film, television, and cartoon characters. Another popular trend is for **women** (and in some cases, men) to use Halloween as an excuse to wear **sexy or revealing costumes**, showing off more skin than would be socially acceptable otherwise.

Halloween [costume parties](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Costume_party) generally fall on, or around, **31 October**, often falling

**on the Friday or Saturday prior to Halloween.**

  

   

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