



Boo!

1. Where does Halloween originally come from?

- America—those guys go crazy for Halloween!
- The ancient Celts, who lived in what we now call Ireland, Scotland, and the Isle of Mann. Their ancient Samhain (SOW-in) festival turned into Halloween.
- Ireland, and then the Irish brought it to America.

2. Look at the pictures to help remind yourself what "mumming and guising" was in the 16th century. What is it similar to today?



- Singing and dancing
- Trick-or-treating
- Disguising yourself as a mummy



3. A dog trainer called Louise Glazebrook told *The Guardian* newspaper that costumes for dogs were okay, as long as "a dog should always be allowed to be a dog. A costume with a hood will cause stress and therefore change the dog's behaviour and should be avoided. The other thing is to watch out for the material – a dog is going to get really hot in polyester or nylon."

What do you think Louise would say about this costume?



4. Would you dress up your pet (or a pet you were looking after) in a Halloween costume? Why or why not?



5. Who was Stingy Jack?

- The Roman goddess of fruit
- The original Jack-o'-Lantern, a character from an Irish legend
- The designer of the first haunted house, built in England

6. Imagine that a friendly alien arrived on Earth on October 31, and asked you to tell them what Halloween is all about. How would you explain it to them?


