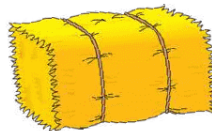


Guy Fawkes Night (B1/B2)

Ex 1: Match the vocabulary to the pictures, and compare your answers with a partner.



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bonfire	blow up	straw	sparklers
fireworks	penny	barrel	mask

Ex 2: Match the vocabulary with its definition below.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. gunpowder n 2. execute v 3. mark (an occasion) v 4. parade n/v 5. effigy n 6. Houses of Parliament n 7. expose v 8. break into ph v 9. cellar n 10. arrest v 11. conspirator/plotter n | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A. when the police take someone to a police station to investigate a crime. B. someone who makes a plan to do something illegal or wrong. C. an explosive substance, often used in bombs. D. a room under a house or building which is used to store things. E. kill someone as punishment for a crime they committed. F. a sculpture/model of someone. G. a public procession, especially one celebrating a special day. H. buildings where the British government meet. I. enter a building or car using force to steal something. J. celebrate. K. show something that is usually hidden. |
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Ex 3: Read and complete the text with the correct word from the box below.

Guy Fawkes Night is a holiday in the UK which is celebrated every year on the 5th of November. Many people refer to this holiday as Bonfire Night or Fireworks Night, as people enjoy lighting bonfires, fireworks, and 1. _____.

The reason for this holiday is to mark the anniversary of The Gunpowder Plot in 1605, which was an attempt by a group of Catholic 2. _____ to blow up the 3. _____. Catholics in England, at the time, were not represented equally in government and for this reason, they were treated badly. Their plan was to kill King James I, who was 4. _____, and replace him with a Catholic leader so that England would become a Catholic country again.



The group placed 36 5. _____ of 6. _____ in the cellars underneath the government building; but the plot was exposed when a member of the group sent a letter to Lord Monteagle, who worked in the building. Guards were ordered to 7. _____ the cellars and stop the attack. One of the plotters they found was a man called Guy Fawkes. He was 8. _____, questioned, tortured, and ordered to be 9. _____. In the end, he jumped to his death to avoid being tortured further and hanged.

Traditionally, on this night, children across the UK would build effigies of Fawkes using straw, paper, old clothes and masks. They would then 10. _____ through their town with them, asking onlookers for 'a 11. _____ for the Guy'



(referring to the effigy) to buy fireworks. These days the tradition continues with adults also taking part. When they get to their local 12. _____, they place the effigy on top and watch it burn.

Houses of Parliament	barrels	executed	arrested
sparklers	conspirators/plotters	bonfire	gunpowder
penny	parade	Protestant	break into

Ex 4: Ask and answer the questions below with your partner.

1. Had you ever heard of Guy Fawkes Night before this lesson?
2. Do you have any similar celebratory days in your country? Do you enjoy them? How do you celebrate?
3. What's the strangest holiday celebrated in your country?
4. Why do you think people celebrate Guy Fawkes Night?
5. Are fireworks legal in your country? Have you ever bought any?
6. Do people ever light bonfires in your country? When and for what occasions?
7. What else do you know about Guy Fawkes Night? Use your phone to find out 2/3 interesting pieces of information about this celebration or the story of Guy Fawkes and The Gunpowder Plot.

