

### **1. History of the holiday:**

Halloween origin goes back to the Druid festival of Samhain ['sɑːwɪn], ['səueɪn], ['saɪn], Lord of the Dead and Prince of Darkness. Celts believed that on October 31 Samhain picked the souls of those who had died during the year and sent them to Druid Heaven.

The Druid New Year began on November 1. It was the beginning of winter and the beginning of the reign (правление) of the Lord of Death. The Druids called supernatural forces to quiet the evil spirits. That's why modern Halloween has the parade of ghosts, goblins, witches, skeletons, cats, masks and bonfires.

The custom of telling ghost stories on Halloween also comes from the Druids.

### **2. History of the holiday:**

Halloween was first celebrated many centuries ago in Ireland and Scotland by Celtic priests called Druids. The Druids believed that Halloween was the night when the witches came out. As they were afraid of the witches they put on different clothes and painted their faces to protect themselves from the evil spirits. They also placed food and small gifts near the doors of their houses for the witches. This was the beginning of the expression "trick or treat".

As time went by, grown-up people lost interest in Halloween, and it was celebrated mostly by children. In the evening groups of children visited houses and asked for candies. They said "Trick or treat! Trick or treat!"

### **3. In a Dark, Dark Room**

In a dark, dark wood, there was a dark, dark house.

And in that dark, dark house, there was a dark, dark room.

And in that dark, dark room, there was a dark, dark chest.

And in that dark, dark chest, there was a dark, dark shelf.

And on that dark, dark shelf, there was a dark, dark box.

And in that dark, dark box, there was – A GHOST!

### **4. Trick-or-treat rap**

The sky is black, the moon is white

Do you know tonight's the night

When witches fly above the sheet

And boys and girls say trick-or-treat

Trick-or-treat, trick-or-treat

This is the rhythm of the street

Trick-or-treat, trick-or-treat

This is the rap with the spooky beat.

The wind is cold, the stars are bright

Do you know tonight's the night

While ghosts say BOO when they meet

And boys and girls say trick-or-treat