# GUY FAWKES NIGHT

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ALL ANSWERS ARE IN THE TEXT ON PAGE 2.
THE READING / TAPESCRIPTR

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  
   2. the first examples  
   3. bring the government  
   4. his plan was called the  
   5. He was put on a bonfire and  
   6. former British

Paragraph 2

1. the biggest outdoor  
2. takes place  
3. a happy  
4. in the middle  
5. the most popular  
6. children are injured in fireworks
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 _______________.

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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.

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.
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 aemttpp
2. one of the first eplxeams
3. November the hfitf
4. aerspss-by saw Guy Fawkes
5. bneurd to death
6. mofrer British colonies

Paragraph 2

7. odooutr celebration
8. vbvae the cold
9. fireworks dpsaliy
10. plauopr treats
11. warnings to be rfcauel
12. nrejiud 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. __________________________________________________________

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.

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Return to your original partner(s) and share and talk about what you found out. Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.
WRITING
Write about Guy Fawkes Night for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other’s work.
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 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.