Halloween

Seviye A2–B1 · Okuma · Konuşma

Warm-up

- What do you know about Halloween?
- Do you like scary films or stories?
- If you went to a costume party, what would you wear?

Reading

Halloween is celebrated on 31 October, mainly in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom and Ireland. Its roots go back more than two thousand years to an old Celtic festival called Samhain. People believed that on this night, the world of the living and the world of spirits came very close.

Today, Halloween is mostly a fun night for children. They dress up in costumes – witches, ghosts, superheroes or even famous people – and go from house to house saying “Trick or treat!” Neighbours usually give them sweets.

Many families carve pumpkins and put candles inside them. These are called jack-o'-lanterns. Some people also decorate their houses with spiders, bats and skeletons, and watch scary films with friends.

In Türkiye, Halloween is not a traditional holiday, but some schools and cafés organise costume parties.

Vocabulary

English	Türkçe	Example
costume	kostüm	*She wore a pirate costume.*
carve	oymak	*We carved a face into the pumpkin.*
pumpkin	bal kabağı	*My grandmother makes pumpkin dessert.*

scary	korkutucu	*The film was really scary.*
decorate	süslemek	*We decorated the classroom with balloons.*
spirit	ruh	*In the story, a spirit lives in the old house.*

Language focus

Kalıp	Örnek
Present Simple Passive	Halloween is celebrated on 31 October. / These are called jack-o'-lanterns.
dress up as + isim	I'm going to dress up as a ghost.
be going to (plan)	We are going to carve a pumpkin tonight.

Discussion

1. Should schools in Türkiye celebrate Halloween? Why or why not?
2. Is there a festival in Türkiye where people wear costumes or visit neighbours?
3. What is the scariest film you have ever seen?

Tasks

Choose the correct answer. *(Doğru seçeneği işaretleyin.)*

1. Where does Halloween come from?

a) A Turkish festival
b) An old Celtic festival called Samhain
c) A famous film
d) A Christmas tradition

Fill in the blanks. *(Boşlukları doldurun.)*

2. I am going to dress up _____ a witch.

3. Halloween _____ (celebrate) on 31 October.

Write True (T) or False (F). *(Doğru mu yanlış mı?)*

4. Children say “Trick or treat!” at the doors of houses. ( )

5. Halloween is a traditional holiday in Türkiye. ( )

Match the items. *(Eşleştirin.)*

6. Match the words with their meanings.

1. costume ( )
2. carve ( )
3. pumpkin ( )
4. scary ( )

a) a big orange vegetable
b) special clothes that make you look like someone else
c) making you feel afraid
d) cut a shape into something

Speaking tasks. *(Konuşma görevleri: sınıfta sözlü yapın.)*

7. You are going to a Halloween party. Tell a partner what you are going to wear and do.