

Halloween – Glossary

bonfire noun [count]

a large fire built outside for burning rubbish or for a celebration

candle noun [count]

a stick of wax with a string in it that you burn to give light

Celtic adjective

relating to the Celts, or their language or culture

costume noun

clothes that you wear at a fancy dress party, pretending to be a famous person, an animal, a character from a story etc

creature noun

an imaginary living thing that is strange or frightening

decoration noun [count or uncount]

something nice that you use to make something else look more attractive

disguise verb

to change the way that someone looks so that other people will not recognize them

emigrate verb

to leave your country in order to live in another country

era noun [count]

a historical period of time that has a particular quality or character

evil adjective

very bad or cruel

fancy dress noun

clothes that you wear for fun to make you look like a particular famous person or a particular type of person, at a fancy-dress party

ghost noun

the spirit of a dead person that someone sees or hears

good-humoured adjective

friendly, happy, and not easily annoyed or upset

hollow adjective

empty inside

knock verb

to hit a door with your hand or with a knocker

light verb

to start to burn, or to make something start to burn

pumpkin noun [count or uncount]

a large round vegetable with a thick orange skin

scare someone away phrasal verb

to make someone so frightened that they run away

scary adjective

making you feel frightened

spirit noun [count]

the part of a person that many people believe continues to exist after death

spread verb

to gradually affect a larger area or a large number of people or things, or to make something do this

sugary adjective

tasting sweet from sugar

survey noun [count]

a set of questions that you ask in order to find out people's opinions

sweet noun [count]

a small piece of sweet food made with sugar

tradition noun [count]

a very old custom, belief, or story

treat noun [count]

a very enjoyable event or occasion

tribe noun [count]

a large group of related families who live in the same area and share a common language, religion, and customs: *Native American tribes*

trick noun [count]

a deliberate attempt to make someone believe something that is not true, either as a joke or as a serious attempt to harm them

trick or treat phrase

a custom in which children visit your home at halloween and say 'Trick or treat?' as a way of asking for sweets

various adjective

different, and more than a few

witch noun [count]

a woman with magic powers