

# Halloween Quiz - Questions

## Origins

1. True or False: Like Saint Patrick's Day, the origins of Halloween are Irish.
2. What is the name of the pagan festival from which Halloween sprang and what was its purpose?
3. What is the Christian festival that loaned its name to Halloween?
4. True or False: Modern trick or treating didn't become popular until the 1970s.

## Halloween Around the World

5. In Mexico, the equivalent to Halloween is called Día de los Muertos. What does that mean in English?
6. True or False: The United States is the only country where kids trick or treat.

## General

7. What is the fear of Halloween called?
8. Which holiday makes more money for retailers: Halloween or Easter?
9. What is the astrological (horoscope) sign for someone born on Halloween?
10. True or False: There is always a full moon on Halloween.
11. Is trick or treating legal everywhere in the United States?

## Candy

12. True or False: Candy has always been the traditional Halloween offering for trick-or-treaters.
13. According to statistics, do trick or treaters prefer hard candies or chocolates?
14. True or False: The most popular Halloween candy, Snickers, was named after a dog.
15. True or False: Candy corn producers make about 1 million pounds of this Halloween candy each year.

## Famous Halloween Happenings

16. What is the name of the famous magician who died on Halloween in the 1920s?
17. True or False: Halloween is also National Candy Corn Day?
18. What famous US monument was completed on Halloween in 1941?

## Pumpkins

19. Are all pumpkins orange?
20. Before people used pumpkins for Jack-o-lanterns, what did they carve?
21. What parts of the pumpkin can you eat?
22. True or false: The world's largest pumpkin weighed over 5,000 pounds?
23. In what country did the pumpkin originally grow?

## Costumes and Creatures

24. True or false: About 41 million kids between the ages of 5 and 14 dress up every year for Halloween.
25. What is the most popular type of children's Halloween costume every year?
26. While vampire costumes grew in popularity due to the *Twilight* movies and books, they were originally patterned after which vampire?
27. Long before there were masks, makeup, wigs, and elaborate costumes, people in Celtic cultures wore a different type of costume for their version of Halloween. What were they made of?
28. What was the reason people originally wore masks on Halloween?
29. Are vampire bats real?

## Entertainment

30. What are the names of the three witches from the Disney Halloween movie, *Hocus Pocus*?
31. In *It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown*, what does Charlie Brown keep getting in his trick or treat bag?
32. What song, produced in 1962 and performed by Bobby "Boris" Pickett remains a perennial Halloween favorite?
33. True or false: The television show *Scooby Doo*, famous for its focus on spooks, ghosts, and ghouls, never had a Halloween episode.

# Halloween Quiz - Answers

## Origins

1. True
2. Samhain, a festival marking the end of the harvest
3. All Hallows Day
4. False. It started in the 1940s.

## Halloween Around the World

5. Day of the Dead
6. False

## General

7. Samhainophobia
8. Halloween. The only holiday that makes more is Christmas.
9. Scorpio
10. False. In fact, full moons on Halloween are very rare. The next will be in the year 2020.
11. Yes. Although some places in the United States prohibit teens from trick or treating.

## Candy

12. False. Originally, it was fruits and nuts.
13. Chocolates (about 52 percent)
14. False. It was named after a horse.
15. False. They produce more than 35 million pounds – which is about 9 billion pieces of candy corn!

## Famous Halloween Happenings

16. Harry Houdini
17. False. National Candy Corn Day is on October 30.
18. Mount Rushmore

## Pumpkins

19. No
20. Turnips or potatoes
21. Seeds, flesh, flowers, and leaves
22. False. It weighed slightly more than 1,800 pounds.
23. Mexico

## Costumes and Creatures

24. True
25. Princess
26. Count Dracula (or Vlad the Impaler)
27. Animal skins
28. To trick ghosts and spirits into believing they were one of them (or to trick them into believing they weren't human).
29. Yes

## Entertainment

30. Winifred (Winnie), Mary, and Sarah Sanderson
31. Rocks
32. *Monster Mash*
33. False