

Bonfire Night

Learning objective: To recall and understand the history and traditions of Bonfire Night, including Guy Fawkes.

Read the passage about Bonfire Night and answer the questions that follow. Use your own words to complete the sentences.

It's the fifth of November, a chilly winter evening. People all around the country are gathering in their streets and gardens. They're watching the sky light up with colourful fireworks. It's Bonfire Night! But have you ever wondered why we celebrate this special event? Many years ago, a group of men called the Gunpowder Plot tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London. One of the men, Guy Fawkes, was caught hiding in the cellar with a big bag of gunpowder. He was very upset when he was caught and was punished. Now, every year on November 5th, we light bonfires and set off fireworks to remember the failed plot. It's a fun and exciting tradition to celebrate with friends and family.

Word bank: Bonfire Night · Gunpowder Plot · Guy Fawkes · November 5th · pennies · tradition · fireworks

1. What event do we celebrate on Bonfire Night? (1 mark)

2. Who tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament? (1 mark)

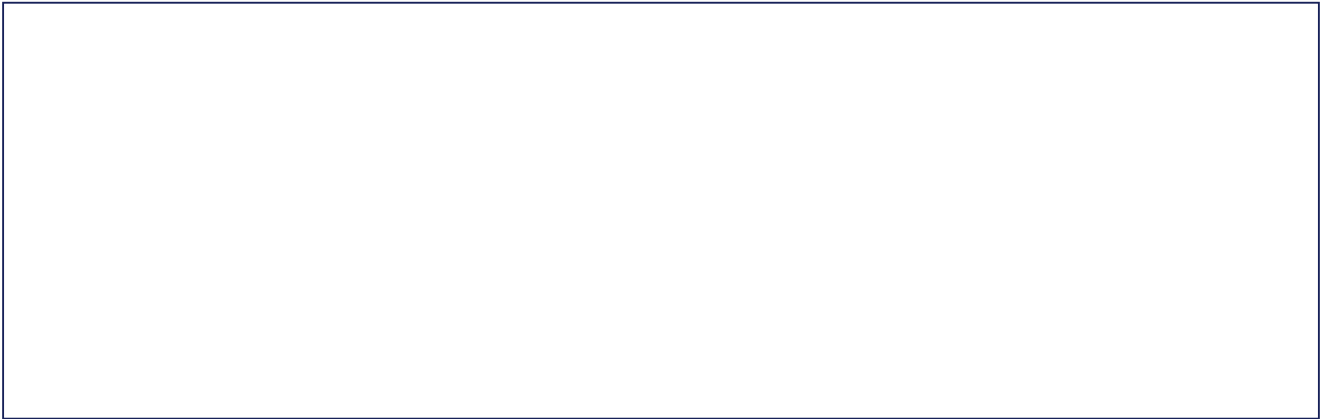
3. Why do we light bonfires on Bonfire Night? (2 marks)

4. What happens on November 5th every year? (1 mark)

5. How much money might you have if you collected 10p from 5 people on Bonfire Night? (1 mark)

6. What do people often do to celebrate Bonfire Night? (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of a traditional Bonfire Night scene. Include some fireworks and a bonfire.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are Guy Fawkes. Write a diary entry about the night you were caught hiding in the cellar. Explain how you felt and what happened next.