

Bonfire Night Comprehension

Learning objective: To read and understand a short passage about Bonfire Night, using evidence from the text to answer questions.

Read the passage carefully and answer the questions that follow. Choose the correct answer for each question.

It was a chilly fall evening and the sky was darkening. The smell of bonfires wafted through the air as Emma and her friends made their way to the village green. They had been waiting for weeks for Bonfire Night, and finally the night had arrived. The villagers had set up a large bonfire in the center of the green, surrounded by fireworks and giant effigies of Guy Fawkes. Emma loved the excitement of Bonfire Night, and the treat of sparkling fireworks and hot dogs. As she walked closer to the fire, she remembered the story of how Guy Fawkes tried to blow up the Houses of Parliament with gunpowder, but was caught in the act and foiled by a group of brave men. The villagers cheered and clapped as the fireworks exploded in the sky, and Emma felt grateful for the bravery of those who had saved the day.

Word bank: bonfire · fireworks · guys · treats · fireworks · Guy Fawkes · gunpowder · plot

1. What was Emma waiting for on Bonfire Night? (1 mark)

2. What did Guy Fawkes try to blow up with gunpowder? (2 marks)

3. How did Emma feel as she watched the fireworks? (1 mark)

4. What does the smell of bonfires remind Emma of? (1 mark)

5. Do you think Bonfire Night is an exciting event? Why or why not? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a Bonfire Night celebration, including fireworks, a bonfire, and a Guy Fawkes effigy. Include a character dressed in warm clothes holding a hot dog.



Extension challenge: Research and write a short report about the history of Bonfire Night, including the story of Guy Fawkes and the significance of the event in the UK.