

Nova's Bonfire Night Quiz

Learning objective: To improve reading comprehension and recall skills based on a non-fiction text about Bonfire Night.

Read the short text below, then use it to answer the 10 questions. Remember to look for clues in the sentences!

Bonfire Night is a special celebration held on the 5th of November in the UK. Many years ago, a man named Guy Fawkes tried to hide gunpowder under the Houses of Parliament. The plan did not work, and people lit bonfires to celebrate that the King was safe. Today, families gather around large bonfires to stay warm. They often eat toffee apples and watch colourful fireworks light up the night sky. Some children hold a handheld sparkler while wearing thick gloves to keep their hands safe. It is a long-standing British tradition.

Word bank: firework · celebration · tradition · November · sparkler · history

1. 1. What date is Bonfire Night held on? (A) 5th of October (B) 5th of November* (C) 1st of January (D) 25th of December (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Guy Fawkes successfully hid the gunpowder. (1 mark)

3. 3. Why did people first light bonfires? To celebrate that the _____ was safe. (1 mark)

4. 4. What tasty treat does the text say people eat? (A) Ice cream (B) Toffee apples* (C) Hot dogs (D) Porridge (1 mark)

5. 5. What do people use to stay warm at the event? (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: Fireworks are usually dull and grey. (1 mark)

7. 7. What should children wear on their hands when holding a sparkler? (1 mark)

8. 8. Where did Guy Fawkes try to hide the gunpowder? (A) In a cave (B) Under the Houses of Parliament* (C) In a garden (D) Under a bridge (1 mark)

9. 9. Is Bonfire Night a British tradition? (Yes/No) (1 mark)

10. 10. Find a word in the text that means the same as 'brightly coloured'. (1 mark)

Draw: Nova the owl wants you to draw your favourite part of Bonfire Night. Draw a colourful firework display in the sky above a cosy, glowing bonfire.



Extension challenge: Imagine you are writing a poem about Bonfire Night with Leo the lion. Write three adjectives to describe how the fireworks look and sound.