

Max and Nova's Bonfire Night Quiz

Learning objective: To test reading comprehension and vocabulary related to the historical context and traditions of Bonfire Night.

Read the information passage carefully, then answer the ten questions below to see how much you have learnt about Bonfire Night!

Bonfire Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Night, is celebrated in the UK on 5th November each year. It marks the anniversary of the failed Gunpowder Plot of 1605. A group of men, including Guy Fawkes, attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London to change the government. They were caught before they could carry out their plan. Today, people remember this event by lighting large bonfires and setting off colourful fireworks. Many families also enjoy treats like toffee apples, which might cost around £1.50 each at a local fair, and hot jacket potatoes. It is a time for communities to gather together safely to enjoy the displays.

Word bank: Gunpowder · Parliament · Tradition · Treason · Celebration · Fireworks · History

1. 1. On which date is Bonfire Night celebrated in the UK? A) 31st October B) 5th November* C) 25th December D) 1st January (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: The Gunpowder Plot of 1605 was a successful plan. (1 mark)

3. 3. What is another name for Bonfire Night? (1 word) (1 mark)

4. 4. Which famous London building were the plotters trying to blow up? A) Buckingham Palace B) St Paul's Cathedral C) Houses of Parliament* D) The Tower of London (1 mark)

5. 5. What is the name of the man mentioned in the passage who was involved in the plot? (1 word) (1 mark)

6. 6. True or False: The passage mentions that toffee apples are a traditional treat to eat. (1 mark)

7. 7. If a toffee apple costs £1.50, how much would it cost to buy two toffee apples? A) £2.00 B) £2.50 C) £3.00* D) £3.50 (1 mark)

8. 8. What do people light to remember the history of this night? (1 word) (1 mark)

9. 9. Which word from the text describes the lights seen in the sky? A) Dull B) Colourful* C) Silent D) Heavy (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: The passage says it is important for communities to gather together safely. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Nova the owl and Max the monkey watching a spectacular firework display over a bonfire. Make sure to include lots of bright colours and patterns in the sky!



Extension challenge: Imagine you are a reporter in 1605. Write a short news report (50-70 words) about the night the plot was discovered, using at least three words from the word bank.