

Max and Kit's Bonfire Night Challenge

Learning objective: To understand the historical context and traditions of Bonfire Night in the UK.

Join Max the monkey and Kit the fox for a sparkling quiz! Answer the questions below to show how much you know about the history and safety of Bonfire Night.

Answer Key: 1.C, 2.True, 3.1605, 4.A, 5.False, 6.Parliament, 7.B, 8.True, 9.Safety, 10.A. Historical Context: Bonfire Night is celebrated annually on 5th November to commemorate the failure of the Gunpowder Plot, where Guy Fawkes attempted to blow up the Houses of Parliament. Today, we celebrate with fireworks, bonfires, and toffee apples.

Word bank: Guy Fawkes · Parliament · Gunpowder · 1605 · Safety · Tradition · Sparklers · Catherine wheel

1. 1. Which month do we celebrate Bonfire Night in the UK? A) October B) December C) November* D) January (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Bonfire Night is a celebration of a historical event that happened a long time ago. (1 mark)

3. 3. In what year did the Gunpowder Plot take place? (1 mark)

4. 4. Who was the man discovered guarding the gunpowder? A) Guy Fawkes* B) Max Monkey C) King James D) A local farmer (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: It is safe to hold a lit sparkler in your bare hand without gloves. (1 mark)

6. 6. What famous building was the target of the Gunpowder Plot? (Clue: It is in London!) (1 mark)

7. 7. What do people often eat on Bonfire Night? A) Pizza B) Toffee apples* C) Sushi D) Porridge (1 mark)

8. 8. True or False: Fireworks were invented to help us see in the dark during the winter. (1 mark)

9. 9. What is the most important thing to remember when standing near a bonfire? (Hint: Starts with S) (1 mark)

10. 10. Which of these is a type of firework? A) Catherine wheel* B) Spinning top C) Jumping jack D) Whizz-bang (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a scene of a safe Bonfire Night celebration. Include a bonfire, a colourful firework display in the night sky, and people standing at a safe distance.



Extension challenge: 1. Explain why we still celebrate this event today even though the plot failed. 2. Compare and contrast how people might have celebrated in the 1600s versus how we celebrate today. 3. Justify why safety rules are essential at public fireworks displays. 4. What might happen if people did not follow the bonfire safety code? 5. If you were designing a new firework, what colours and patterns would it make in the sky? 6. Imagine you are a journalist in 1605; write a one-sentence headline for the local newspaper about the discovery of the plot.