

A Bright Night with Nova

Learning objective: To retrieve information from a text and make simple inferences about Bonfire Night.

Read the story below carefully. Use the word bank to help you understand the tricky words. Answer the questions in the space provided.

Nova the owl sat high in the old oak tree. It was the 5th of November. Below, the village was busy. Families walked to the park carrying warm coats and torches. They were celebrating Bonfire Night, a special British tradition that happens every year. A huge bonfire crackled in the centre of the field, sending golden sparks into the dark sky. Nova watched as people ate toffee apples and watched the colourful display of fireworks. The sky lit up with bright reds, greens, and blues. Max the monkey was there too, counting the fireworks as they zoomed up. He reminded everyone to stand back and stay safe. The event remembered a piece of history from long ago. People chatted, laughed, and stayed warm by the glowing heat of the wood. As the last firework faded, the village went quiet. Nova tucked her head under her wing, happy that everyone had enjoyed the bright, noisy night together. It was a perfect evening for a curious owl to watch the world below.

Word bank: Tradition: something people do every year · Sparkler: a handheld firework · Display: a show of lights · History: things that happened in the past · Safety: staying away from harm

1. On what date does Bonfire Night happen? (Literal) (1 mark)

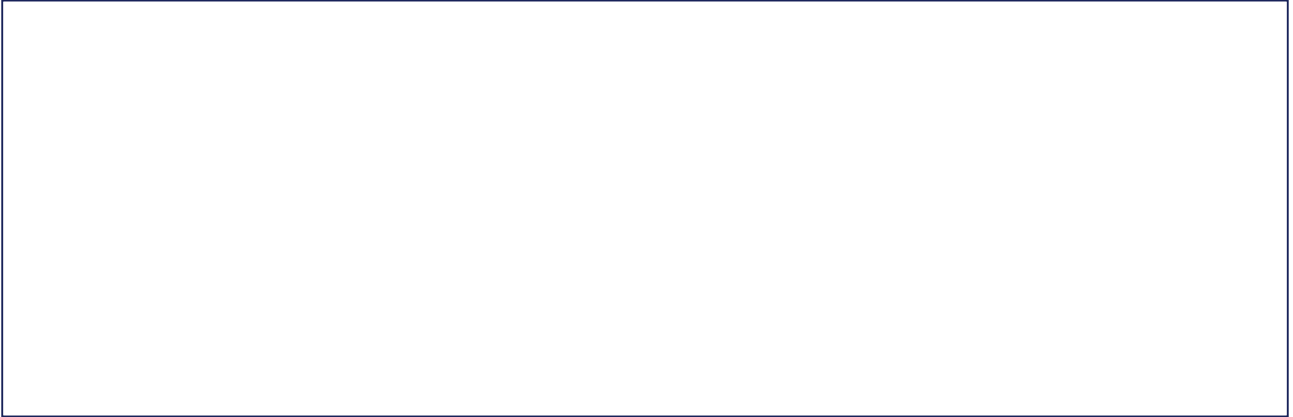
2. What two things did the people eat or do to stay warm? (Literal) (2 marks)

3. How does the text show that the people care about safety? (Inferential) (2 marks)

4. Why might Nova feel happy at the end of the night? (Inferential) (2 marks)

5. Would you like to go to a bonfire display? Explain why. (Evaluative) (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of the bonfire in the park. Include Nova the owl watching from the tree above and bright colours in the sky.



Extension challenge: Write two sentences about your favourite part of a celebration. Use a word from the word bank in your writing.