

# THE HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN

Put the paragraphs of the next in the correct order. There are some mistakes in this text. Listen and correct them.

**A**

Druids were Celtic soldiers. On October 20 they performed religious rituals and talked about future events. The Celts believed that ghosts, witches and evil spirits disappeared on the night of October 31. They believed that evil spirits entered the body of a person or animal. They wore frightening costumes and made loud parties to send them away.

**B**

The Romans invaded Great Britain in AD 43. After this invasion Samhain became a harvest festival. During the centuries, the Roman Catholic priests put Christian festivities in the place of pre-Christian festivities. In the eighth century the Church decided to call 1 November All Saints' Day. Another name for this day was Hallow Day. The evening of 31 October was All Hallows' Eve. This became Halloween.

**C**

The colors of Halloween - orange and black - are of Celtic origin, too. Orange was the color of the sun, and black was the color of soil and long nights. The Druids believed that black cats had special sense and could feel if spirits were near. So black cats have become symbols of Halloween.

**D**

Halloween has Celtic origins. The Celtic life was in two parts: summer and winter. Summer was from May to the end of October, and winter was from November to the end of April. The ancient Celtic festival Samhain celebrated the start of the year: the start of winter. It began on the evening of October 31 and continued until the next day.