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Hello!

As you can tell it is Halloween.

Some people are very enthusiastic at celebrating Halloween; others are not very happy seeing these spiders, skulls, skeletons, horrible masks, zombies and other stuff.

Personally I am very neutral to this celebration, just don't like seeing so many monsters.

But I think the better part of Halloween is trick or treating.

Trick or treating, is an activity for children on or around Halloween in which they proceed from house to house in costumes, asking for treats with the question, "Trick-or-treat?" The "trick" part of "trick-or-treat" is a threat to play a trick on the house owner or his property if no treat is given.

Trick or treating is one of the main traditions of Halloween.

It's one of children's favourite parts of Halloween. It is really exciting to wait for a stranger to open their door so you can scream the words "Trick or treat!" But why do we say that? What does it actually mean? The practice of asking for treats from your neighbours dates back to the Middle Ages, but back then it wasn't a game.

Poor people would make the rounds begging for food. In return, they offered prayers for the dead.

Before you decide that you are against or with Halloween, let me tell you a little bit more about the origin of this tradition.

The history of Halloween goes back more than 2,000 years.

Ancient Celts, who lived in Britain, celebrated their New Year on November 1.

This day marked the end of summer and the harvest and the beginning of the dark, cold winter.

October 31 was the last day of the old year.

It was thought to be a time when the door to the Otherworld was opened allowing the souls of the dead to walk freely between worlds and join us in our place.

Although people used to respect their ancestors, they even would place bowls of food outside their homes to please them, but they believed that some of the spirits like Witches, evil Ghosts and Goblins go around at night looking for a body to live-in to stay in our world. Of course people were frightened.

To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people would wear masks, when they left their homes after dark, so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits.

People used to disguise themselves as a **form of protection** from these underworld beings. This practice transformed into the modern tradition of fancy dress on Halloween.

So, this is the background of Halloween celebrations, it is up to you to decide what do you want to do when October 31st comes. I've done my bit, can't wait for the Fun day!

See you! Goodbye!