

Guy Fawkes Night: Fireworks in November

A2 | Teens / Adults | Reading + Vocabulary + Discussion | 30-40 minutes

BEFORE YOU READ

Talk with a partner. Have you watched fireworks? Where and when?

1. Match the words (1-6) with the definitions (A-F).

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| 1. fireworks | _____ | A. events from the past |
| 2. bonfire | _____ | B. bright lights in the sky that make loud sounds |
| 3. November | _____ | C. a large group of people |
| 4. history | _____ | D. a large outdoor fire |
| 5. safe | _____ | E. not dangerous |
| 6. crowd | _____ | F. the eleventh month of the year |

2. Read the article. The bold words are the vocabulary from Activity 1.

- Guy Fawkes Night is on 5 **November** in the UK. It remembers an event in British **history**. A man called Guy Fawkes was part of a plan to hurt the king and destroy Parliament.
- The plan did not work. People began to light fires to celebrate that the king was safe. Today, people remember this history in a different way.
- Many towns have **fireworks** and a **bonfire**. Families go outside at night to watch the bright lights. There may be music and food too.
- Fireworks can be dangerous, so people must be **safe**. A large **crowd** should watch from a safe place. Adults must look after children.

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UNDERSTAND, DISCUSS AND WRITE

3. Comprehension. Answer in complete sentences. Use the article to help you.

1. When is Guy Fawkes Night?

2. What does the night remember?

3. What do towns often have?

4. Why must people be careful?

5. Who must look after children?

4. Discuss. Talk in small groups. Give reasons and examples.

- Do you like fireworks?
- What makes a public event safe?
- What happens in your town at night?
- Do you know a historical day?

5. Homework: Write a short paragraph.

Write 5-6 sentences about a public event in your town or country.

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ANSWER KEY AND TEACHING NOTE

Vocabulary matching

1. fireworks - B
2. bonfire - D
3. November - F
4. history - A
5. safe - E
6. crowd - C

Comprehension answers

1. When is Guy Fawkes Night?

It is on 5 November.

2. What does the night remember?

It remembers an event in British history.

3. What do towns often have?

They often have fireworks and a bonfire.

4. Why must people be careful?

Fireworks can be dangerous.

5. Who must look after children?

Adults must look after children.

Teaching note

Compare matching answers before reading. Accept other article-supported comprehension answers; discussion and homework answers vary. Discuss customs respectfully, distinguishing religious, cultural and personal traditions.