BOO

TRICK OR TREAT

RIP

WoRd bANK:

a jack-o'-lantern / a ghost / a broomstick

a bat / a spider / a tombstone

a vampire / a coffin / a witch

a cauldron / candles / candies

ThEME ? _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

1. ORIGINS AND TRADITIONS

We all know what **Halloween** is, but have you heard of **Samhain**? [...]

It's an old Celtic tradition that is still celebrated around the world today. The Celts believed Samhain was the day in the year where the gap between our world and the world of the spirits was very thin, so spirits could easily get through. This eventually joined up with the Christian festival of All Saints' Day to create **All Hallows' Eve**, now called Halloween. [...]
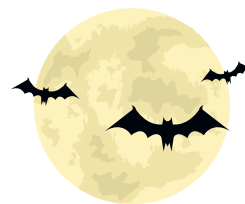
So, what about creepy **costumes** ? Well, that's another tradition from the Celts. They used to wear spooky outfits to scare away any spirits that might be hanging around. [...]

But what about pumpkins 🎃? For this, we travel to Ireland. There, people didn't start with pumpkins. They actually used turnips! Spooky faces were carved on the turnips to scare away a mythical spirit called Jack. When Irish people moved to America, they started using pumpkins instead, and that's how the tradition continues today.

A brief history of Halloween traditions, British Council

WoRd bANK:

- celtic : celte
- gap : écart
- spirit : esprit
- creepy = spooky = scary
- turnip(s) : navet(s)
- carve [something] : tailler, sculpter

BREAK THE CODES

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

1. _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

2. _ _ _

3. _ _ _ _ _ _ _

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10. _ _ _ _ _

3. TRADITIONS TODAY

Unscramble the letters:

T A B = B A T

P I M P K U N = ...

D I T A T O R I N = ...

W C H I T = ...

V A P I M R E = ...

S K O O P Y = ...

S C R Y A = ...

H U A N E D T = ...

H L L O W E E A N = ...

T I R K C R O T R A E T = ...

H G O T S = ...

S I P T I R = ...

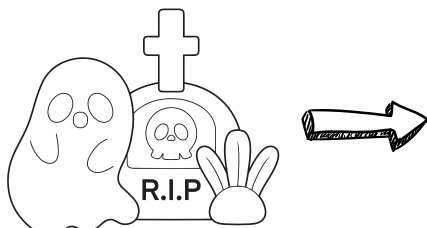**B A L K C T A C** = ...

O T O C B R E = ...

DRAWING CHALLENGE

1. ORIGINS AND TRADITIONS

Read the text and answer in French:

Un festival celte où les esprits étaient proches du monde des vivants ? ....

Pourquoi les Celtes portaient-ils des costumes ?

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Qui est Jack ?

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Quelle est l'origine du mot Halloween ?

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Que sculptaient les gens avant les citrouilles ? Pourquoi ont-ils été remplacés?

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2. COLOR BY NUMBER

Use the key below to colour the picture:

1 orange **2** brown **3** yellow
4 purple **5** green **6** blue

3. TRADITIONS TODAY

a/ True or false: watch the video and answer.

- Children go trick-or-treating in the morning. □ **True** □ **False**
- Pumpkins are carved into jack-o'-lanterns. □ **True** □ **False**
- Only children wear costumes; adults never dress up. □ **True** □ **False**
- Candy is very important during Halloween; it is the main reason children go trick-or-treating. □ **True** □ **False**
- Houses are decorated with pumpkins, ghosts, and lights to make Halloween fun. □ **True** □ **False**

b/ Match the vocabulary with the pictures.

a jack-o'-lantern

trick-or-treat

costumes

a candy

a haunted house

a ghost

spooky

YouTube: Halloween Traditions and Celebrations ESL/ESOLA1 A2 Video for Elementary Students