



Lesson 77: Origin of Halloween

Exercise 01

Vocabulary

hair-raising	(ADJ)	extremely frightening	The story about his car accident was hair-raising .
confront	(V)	to deal with a difficult situation	Our business is confronting many problems.
mischievous	(ADJ)	enjoying playing tricks on people and doing things to annoy them	He was plotting a mischievous prank.
so-called	(ADJ)	used to indicate a name that is commonly used for something, but oftentimes deemed unsuitable or incorrect	His so-called charisma is starting to annoy some people.
refrain from	(PHRV)	to stop yourself from doing something	You must refrain from smoking in this area.
anything but	(PHRASE)	anything except	When she heard the bad news, she couldn't do anything but cry.
extensive	(ADJ)	large in size or amount	This building needs extensive repairs.
little to no	(PHRASE)	having a small amount of something, if any	I have little to no experience in working with customers.



Exercise 02

Dialogue Practice

Read the dialogue aloud with your teacher.

Sophie and Sarah discuss Halloween.



Sophie

Hey Sarah, could you please lend me a hand with my Halloween presentation?



Sarah

Sure, let me see. Let's start with the basics. What is the origin of the name "Halloween?"



Sophie

It comes from the word "hallow," which means to respect or honor greatly, which is also why many people honor the deceased and saints.



Sarah

If it's a holiday to honor the dead, why do people take part in hair-raising activities?



Sophie

Originally, the intention was to use humor to confront death.



Sarah

I see. So, what are some typical Halloween activities nowadays?



Sophie

People love going to costume parties and trick-or-treating. Some people play mischievous pranks, and others watch horror movies.





Sarah

What can you tell me about trick-or-treating?



Sophie

In some parts of the world, people refrain from eating anything but vegetarian meals on this day.



Sarah

Great! I see that you have done extensive research and learned about many Halloween customs.



Sophie

Thanks! I did my best. I stayed up late working on this presentation several nights in a row.



Sarah

Well, I think you are ready and can finally get some rest.

Check your understanding:

- According to Sophie's research, what is the origin of the name "Halloween?"
- How is trick-or-treating different today from the past?
- What do some people eat on Halloween?

Exercise 03

Role Play

Role-play the following situation with your teacher.

Situation:

- You want to plan a Halloween party.
- Talk with your friend about Halloween customs.



Exercise 04

Discussion

- 1) What is your favorite Halloween activity?
- 2) Do you believe in fortune-telling? Why? Why not?
- 3) Have you ever played a prank on someone? Or, has anyone played a prank on you? Please share your experience.
- 4) Why do you think some people like scary forms of entertainment? Are you one of them?
- 5) How do you honor the dead in your country?

