

Bonfire Night

Task 1 Bonfire Night

Listen to your teacher and make a note of any new vocabulary.

New word	Meaning

Task 2 Guy Fawkes jigsaw reading

Work in pairs, A and B. You are going to read about the history of Bonfire Night. Ask your partner questions to find the missing information.

Example

A- "When did the men make the plot?"

B – "In November 1605"

B- "When do people remember the attempt?"

A – "On November 5th."

A - In _____ a group of men decided to make a plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London. The men were angry about the way the Catholic people were being treated in England. At this time the King of England was _____. The plot is known as the 'Gunpowder Plot' and the leader of the plot was called _____. The men put 36 barrels of gunpowder in the Houses of Parliament and they waited for the King to open Parliament. Guy Fawkes was the man who was going to light the gunpowder and cause the explosion. However, _____ found the gunpowder before it could be exploded and they caught all the men involved in the plot. The men were tortured and killed.

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B - In November 1605 a group of men decided to make a plot to blow up the Houses of Parliament in London. The men were angry about the way the Catholic people were being treated in England. At this time the King of England was James the first. The plot is known as the 'Gunpowder Plot' and the leader of the plot was called Guy Fawkes. The men put 36 barrels of gunpowder in the Houses of Parliament and they waited for the King to open Parliament. Guy Fawkes was the man who was going to light the gunpowder and cause the explosion. However, police found the gunpowder before it could be exploded and they caught all the men involved in the plot. The men were tortured and killed.

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Task 3 Discussion questions

Discuss these questions in your group.

- Which festivals in your country remember historical events?
- Do you have any festivals that are similar to Bonfire Night in your country?
- When do you have firework displays in your country?
- Do you think you would like Bonfire Night? Why/ why not?
- Do you think festivals are a good way to remember historical events?

Task 4 Bonfire night food

You are going to think of some food to eat on Bonfire Night as you are watching a firework display. The food should be hot and tasty. What would you like to eat? Write your menu here:

Menu

Task 5 Remember Remember the Fifth of November

This is a popular rhyme about the fifth of November. Listen to your teacher saying each line and then repeat. Try to copy their pronunciation.

**Remember remember the fifth of November,
Gunpowder, treason and plot.
I see no reason why gunpowder, treason
Should ever be forgot...**

Task 6 Firework Safety

In the UK there is a new law to ban everyone under the age of 18 from buying fireworks and carrying fireworks in public places.

- How old do you have to be to buy fireworks in your country?
- Do you think the British law is too strict?

Work in groups and design a poster to encourage young people to keep safe when they're using fireworks.