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Bonfire Night, also known as Guy Fawkes Night, is celebrated every year in the UK on the 5th of November. The event marks the failure of the Gunpowder Plot in 1605, a conspiracy to blow up the Houses of Parliament and kill King James I. The plotters, led by Robert Catesby, were unhappy with the way Catholics were treated in England. They wanted to remove the king and replace him with someone who would support their beliefs.

One of the men, Guy Fawkes, was in charge of guarding the gunpowder stored under Parliament. On the night of November 4th, he was discovered before he could light the explosives. He was arrested, and the other plotters were caught soon after. Guy Fawkes became the most famous member of the group because he was found with the gunpowder.

To celebrate the king's survival, people lit bonfires across London, and this tradition has continued for more than 400 years. Today, Bonfire Night is still celebrated with bonfires, fireworks, and the burning of effigies of Guy Fawkes. Many towns and cities have large events where people gather to watch firework displays and enjoy food like toffee apples and hot drinks. Bonfire Night is not only a time for fun but also a reminder of an important event in British history. It serves as a symbol of the government's victory over those who tried to change it through violence.

## ★ Read the sentences below and decide if they are True or False:

1. Bonfire Night is celebrated to remember the success of the Gunpowder Plot.
2. The plotters wanted to kill King James I because they disagreed with his religious ideas.
3. Guy Fawkes was the leader of the Gunpowder Plot.
4. The Gunpowder Plot took place in the year 1605.
5. Guy Fawkes was arrested before he could light the explosives under the Houses of Parliament.
6. After the plot was discovered, people in London lit bonfires to celebrate the king's survival.
7. Bonfire Night events today often include fireworks, bonfires, and the burning of effigies of Robert Catesby.
8. Bonfire Night is celebrated in many countries around the world.





★ Fill in the blanks with the correct words:

**bonfire, fireworks, effigies, food, Guy Fawkes, celebrate, friends, apples**

On Bonfire Night, people in the UK do many things to \_\_\_\_\_ this historical event. One of the main traditions is lighting a large \_\_\_\_\_, which represents the fires lit after the Gunpowder Plot failed. Another popular activity is watching \_\_\_\_\_ displays, which symbolize the explosives that were meant to destroy Parliament.

Many people also make models, or \_\_\_\_\_, of \_\_\_\_\_, who was one of the main people involved in the Gunpowder Plot. These are often burned on the bonfire.

Bonfire Night is also a time to enjoy traditional \_\_\_\_\_ with family and \_\_\_\_\_. Popular foods include baked potatoes, sausages, and toffee \_\_\_\_\_.

★ How do you feel about this historical event? Had you already known about Guy Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot?

★ If you could talk to Guy Fawkes, what would you like to tell him?



# Bonfire Night Text Teacher's B1

## Answers to the Text

1. False
2. True
3. False
4. True
5. True
6. True
7. False
8. False

## Answers to the Cloze activity

1. celebrate
2. bonfire
3. fireworks
4. effigies
5. Guy Fawkes
6. food
7. friends
8. apples







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