

Read the text about Bonfire Night, then do these exercises to check your understanding.

1. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a number from the box.

36	5th	18
1605	9	First

- A group of people wanted to kill James the _____, the King of England.
- Guy Fawkes planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament in _____.
- Guy Fawkes and his men put _____ barrels of explosives in the Houses of Parliament.
- People remember the plot to destroy the Houses of Parliament and kill King James with fireworks and bonfires on November _____.
- Edenbridge in Kent burns a _____ metre Guy on a bonfire every year.
- People under _____ can't buy fireworks in the UK.

2. Check your understanding: matching

Match the two sentence halves and write a–h next to the number 1–8.

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| 1..... An enormous explosion | a. are burned on fires. |
| 2..... The plan to blow up the Houses of Parliament | b. was planned for November 5th. |
| 3..... Guy Fawkes and his men | c. is known as the 'Gunpowder Plot'. |
| 4..... Models of Guy Fawkes | d. were sold to children. |
| 5..... The Guy | e. were tortured and killed. |
| 6..... The Guy's clothes | f. is made with old clothes. |
| 7..... Potatoes | g. are cooked on the bonfire. |
| 8..... In the past fireworks | h. are filled with newspaper to help it burn. |

3. Check your grammar: multiple choice – active or passive

Complete the sentences with the correct passive or active verb form.

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| 1. | We _____ a big party for Bonfire Night last year. | planned
were planned |
| 2. | A lot _____ about the history of Bonfire Night. | knows
is known |
| 3. | Is it true that the King _____ Guy Fawkes? | tortured
was tortured |
| 4. | British people _____ Guys on bonfires in local parks or in private gardens. | burn
are burned |
| 5. | Is the Guy _____ with old clothes? | makes
made |
| 6. | You can _____ the Guy with newspaper. | fill
be filled |
| 7. | They _____ the potatoes in the oven then we put them on the bonfire. | cook
are cooked |
| 8. | Fireworks _____ to children when my mum was little. | sold
were sold |

Discussion

What special days do you celebrate in your country with fireworks or bonfires?

Do you like watching fireworks? Why or Why not?

Fireworks can be dangerous. Is there an age limit for buying fireworks in your country?