

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