

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

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| 1..... a bonfire | a. the main government buildings in the UK |
| 2..... a barrel | b. a type of explosive material |
| 3..... the Houses of Parliament | c. a large wooden container |
| 4..... a firework | d. a large fire in the open air |
| 5..... a penny | e. a rocket that explodes in the sky, making bright light |
| 6..... gunpowder | f. a small coin in the UK |

1. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a number from the box.

I (the first)	5	9
18	36	1605

- A group of people wanted to kill King James _____.
- 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 by enjoying 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 5 November. |
| 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

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

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

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?