Read UK: Bonfire Night – exercises

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.

1…….. a bonfire
2…….. a barrel
3…….. the Houses of Parliament
4…….. a firework
5…….. a penny
6…….. gunpowder

a. the main government buildings in the UK
b. a type of explosive material
c. a large wooden container
d. a large fire in the open air
e. a rocket that explodes in the sky, making bright light
f. a small coin in the UK

1. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the gaps with a number from the box.

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1. A group of people wanted to kill King James ____________.
2. Guy Fawkes planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament in ____________.
4. People remember the plot by enjoying fireworks and bonfires on ____________ November.
5. Edenbridge in Kent burns a ____________-metre Guy on a bonfire every year.
6. 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.

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?