

Every November people in Britain go out and celebrate Bonfire Night. What is it? Let's find out all about it!

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises to check your understanding. If you need help, you can read the transcript at any time.

1. Preparation: matching

Match the vocabulary with the correct definitions and write a – g next to the number 1 – 7.

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| 1..... | a procession | a. | a large fire that people build outdoors |
| 2..... | the Houses of Parliament | b. | a small rocket that shoots into the sky and explodes with bright colours and loud bangs |
| 3..... | a firework | c. | a long line of people walking slowly as part of a special event |
| 4..... | a bonfire | d. | to make something explode |
| 5..... | a tradition | e. | the main government building in the UK |
| 6..... | to blow something up | f. | an explosive substance in fireworks and bullets |
| 7..... | gunpowder | g. | a cultural activity that people have done for many years |

2. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

- When is Bonfire Night?
a. 5th November b. 25th December c. 31st December
- How do people celebrate Bonfire Night?
a. They make bonfires. b. They set off fireworks. c. both a and b
- How many people attended the Bonfire Night event in the video?
a. over 2,000 b. over 20,000 c. over 200,000
- What time did the procession start?
a. 4pm b. 6pm c. 7:45pm
- Bonfire Night commemorates a man called Guy Fawkes. What did he try to do 400 years ago?
a. blow up the Houses of Parliament b. rob the Houses of Parliament c. become a politician
- What do people put on the bonfire?
a. rubbish b. rag dolls called 'Guys' c. potatoes
- What does Leon do?
a. He researches the history of Bonfire Night. b. He organises Bonfire Night processions. c. He organises firework displays.
- What did the members of the public who were interviewed think of Bonfire Night?
a. They didn't like it. b. Some of them liked it. c. All of them loved it.

3. Check your understanding: multiple choice – phrasal verbs

Circle the correct meaning of the phrasal verb as used in the video. There is an example sentence from the video to help you.

wrap up

I'm wrapped up warm.

1. a. to wear thick clothing to keep you warm enough
 b. to attend a special event
 c. to feel excited
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set off

Tonight's the night for lighting bonfires and setting off fireworks.

2. a. to watch
 b. to buy
 c. to make something explode
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kick off

The procession kicks off at 6pm in the city centre.

3. a. to end
 b. to begin
 c. to take a break
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turn up

Bonfire Night is fun for everybody who turns up.

4. a. to organise an event
 b. to watch an event on TV
 c. to attend an event
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blow up

Guy Fawkes planned to blow up the Houses of Parliament.

5. a. to break into a building
 b. to make something explode
 c. to build a building
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put on

Leon is putting on a firework display for Bonfire Night.

6. a. to organise an event
 b. to watch an event on TV
 c. to attend an event
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come up

It was really nice to come up to the city centre.

7. a. to travel by plane
 b. to travel to a big or important place
 c. to travel alone

Do you like fireworks?

When do people in your country set off fireworks?