

Halloween Conversation Questions

Warm-up Task:

Brainstorm a list of different types of monsters and scary creatures.

Discussion Questions:

1. Is Halloween an important day in your country? What does it mean to you?
2. How would you like to celebrate Halloween this year?
3. Did you go *trick or treating* as a child? Can you remember what you dressed up as?
4. Would you let your children go *trick or treating* without adult supervision? Why or why not?
5. What is your favorite kind of candy or treat? What kind of treat would you be disappointed to receive?
6. If some kids come to your house on Halloween, and you don't give them any candy, what might they do to you or your house?
7. Have you ever been to a Halloween party or some other kind of costume party? What did you dress as? What happened at the party?
8. These days, people don't just wear scary costumes. They wear costumes based on many things including popular news stories and politicians. Is this against the original scary spirit of Halloween?
9. Many Halloween costumes for adults seem sexy or overly *revealing*. Why are these kinds of costumes popular?
10. What is your all-time favorite scary monster or creature of the night?
11. Do you like horror movies? Why or why not? If so, what's your favorite scary movie?
12. Have you ever carved a *jack-o-lantern*? How difficult or easy was it to carve?
13. Some people decorate their house to celebrate Halloween. Do you decorate your home to celebrate any special days?
14. Are you scared of the dark? If not, what advice can you give to people who feel scared when the lights are out?
15. Celebrating Halloween has origins in remembering the dead and confronting the concept of death with humor. How do you feel about death?
16. One tradition on Halloween is the telling of scary stories. Do you know any scary stories?

