

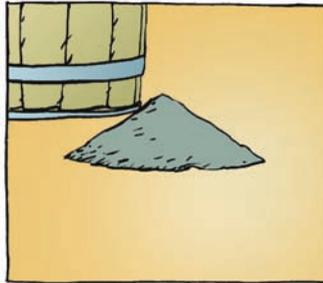
BEFORE YOU READ

1 Match the words in the box to the correct picture.

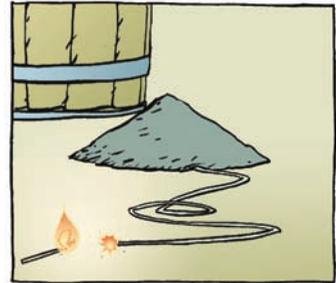
gunpowder barrels light the fuse



A



B



C

KET

2 Listen to the beginning of Chapter Three. For questions 1-5, tick (✓) A, B or C.

- 1 When is Guy Fawkes Night? **A** on 5 November
B on 15 November
C on 25 November
- 2 Who passed laws against Catholics? **A** King Henry VIII
B Guy Fawkes
C King James I
- 3 Who wanted to destroy Parliament? **A** a group of Catholics
B a group of priests
C a group of the King's soldiers
- 4 What was the plot called? **A** the Guy Fawkes Plot
B the Bonfire Night Plot
C the Gunpowder Plot

3 GLOSSARY CHECK

You can find definitions of the following words in the glossary on pages 4-5. Check any words that you do not understand.

- a bonfire
- costumes
- fireworks

CHAPTER THREE



Guy Fawkes Night

Guy Fawkes Night is a British festivity. It takes place on 5  November.

Who was Guy Fawkes?

The Roman Catholic Church was the most important form of the Christian religion in England from the eighth century. The leader was the Pope, in Rome. But in 1534 the situation changed. King Henry VIII of England wanted to divorce his wife, Catherine of Aragon, because she could not have children, and marry another woman, Anne Boleyn. The Catholic Church did not permit this, so Henry VIII left the Roman Catholic Church and started the Church of England, with himself as its leader.

In 1605 the King – and leader of the Church of England – was

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James I. He passed laws against Roman Catholics: they had to pay a lot of money if they did not go to Church of England religious services. A group of Catholics planned to blow up ¹ Parliament in London on 5 November 1605, when the King was present. This plan was called the Gunpowder Plot. ²



The leader of the plot was Robert Catesby. He and the others put thirty-six barrels of explosives under the Palace of Westminster. Guy Fawkes stayed there and waited to light the fuse.

But because of an anonymous letter the King's soldiers



Soldiers arrest Guy Fawkes under the Palace of Westminster.

1. **blow up** : explode.
2. **Plot** : a secret plan to do something bad.

Guy Fawkes Night



Guy Fawkes before King James (1869-70) by Sir John Gilbert.

discovered the plot. They searched the Palace of Westminster and found Guy Fawkes with the explosives. They took him to the Tower of London. They wanted the names of the other men, but Fawkes did not speak. They then took Fawkes to King James I, but he still did not speak. Finally, they tortured him, and he told them everything. Soldiers went to arrest the other men, and killed some when they tried to escape. On 30 and 31 January 1606, they hanged¹ Guy Fawkes and another seven men from the plot.

1. hanged :



Celebrating Guy Fawkes Night

On the evening of 5 November there are fireworks and bonfires. Guy Fawkes Night is also called Bonfire Night.

Children often make a 'guy'. This is a model of Guy Fawkes. They use old clothes and fill them with newspaper, and they make a head and draw a face on it. They put the 'guy' on the bonfire and burn it.

Some people have bonfires in their gardens. But many people buy tickets and go to a public bonfire and firework display in their town or city. Children love the noise and the excitement.

On Bonfire Night in Lewes, Sussex, in south-east England, people wear historical costumes from the time of the Gunpowder Plot.



A bonfire on Guy Fawkes Night.

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

KET

1

Read the text below and choose the best word (A, B or C) for each space. There is an example at the beginning (0).

In 1605 King James I passed (0) laws against Roman Catholics living (1) England. Robert Catesby was (2) Catholic, and he and other Catholics (3) to destroy Parliament and kill the King.

They put thirty-six barrels of explosives (4) the Palace of Westminster. Guy Fawkes (5) the explosives. But the King's soldiers discovered the plot and found Guy Fawkes.

They took (6) to the Tower of London and later they hanged him (7) the other plotters.

Another name for Guy Fawkes Night is Bonfire Night. It is called this (8) in Great Britain people celebrate Guy Fawkes Night with big bonfires and fireworks.

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|---|------------|------------|-----------|
| 0 | A no | B any | C new |
| 1 | A at | B in | C to |
| 2 | A a | B an | C the |
| 3 | A deciding | B decide | C decided |
| 4 | A over | B under | C at |
| 5 | A guarded | B guarding | C guards |
| 6 | A his | B he | C him |
| 7 | A and | B or | C but |
| 8 | A because | B for | C that |

2

GRAMMAR CHECK

Use one of the question words in the box to complete each question. Then match the questions to the answers on the next page.

Why Who How What When Where

- was the King of England in 1605?
- did the plotters want to blow up Parliament?
- many barrels of explosives were there?
- did the soldiers arrest Guy Fawkes?
- do the British do on Bonfire Night?
- is Lewes?

- a. There were thirty-six barrels of explosives.
- b. In 1605 King James I was the King of England.
- c. It is in Sussex, in the south-east of England.
- d. They wanted to blow up Parliament on 5 November 1605.
- e. Because they discovered the plot.
- f. They go to firework displays and make bonfires in the garden.

3

Read these rules about firework safety and then complete the sentences with a word from the box.

Firework safety



Fireworks are fun but they can be very dangerous! Do you know these rules about firework safety?

1. ALWAYS ask an adult to help you.
2. Keep fireworks in a closed box or tin.
3. NEVER put fireworks in your pocket or in your bag!
4. Use them ONE at a time.
5. Read the instructions carefully.
6. NEVER return to a firework after you light it – it could explode.
7. NEVER stand near the fireworks.
8. NEVER throw fireworks.
9. Keep all pets and animals INSIDE the house. The loud noise scares them.

pets careful firework adult pocket

- a. Ask an to help you.
- b. Do not carry fireworks in your!
- c. Do not leave your outside the house.
- d. Do not go near a after you light it.
- e. Remember: be with fireworks because people can get hurt.

BEFORE YOU READ

1 Look at the different types of food Americans eat at Thanksgiving. Match the words in the box to the correct picture.

pumpkin pie corn turkey rice cranberry sauce



A



B



C



D



E

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- crops
- harvest
- a parade
- a float