

**Read the following text about Guy Fawkes' Day and answer the questions. You may use a dictionary. Time: 15 minutes.**

## Guy Fawkes' Day

In 1604, the King of England was James I and a Protestant. Many people did not like him because they were Catholics and wanted a Catholic king. A Catholic called Guy Fawkes, and his friends, had a plot to kill King James, and his government, when he opened Parliament in London on 5 November 1605.

They put thirty-six boxes of gunpowder in a room underneath the Houses of Parliament. They wanted to kill everyone at the same time.

But the plan did not work. One of Guy Fawkes' friends wrote a note to someone about it. At about midnight on 4 November, the King's soldiers found Guy Fawkes and the gunpowder. They sent him to prison but he did not want to give the names of his friends. They did terrible things to him for eight days until he said all their names.



Parliament decided that Guy Fawkes and the other plotters had to die. In January 1606, when people heard the news that the plotters were dead, they made many fires in the streets to celebrate. King James was alive and well!

Every year on 5 November, in most parts of Britain, people build a big fire outside, with all the dead leaves and old pieces of wood they do not want. The fire is called a bonfire. They make a dummy (called a 'guy') of Guy Fawkes, from old clothes. Sometimes children carry the guy around the streets to show people. They say: 'Penny for the guy', and ask people for money for fireworks. Some people have a bonfire with fireworks in their garden, but fireworks are expensive, so often people get together and have one big party in a park or a field. It is usually very cold in November, so they have hot food and drinks to keep warm.

Many children learn these old words about Guy Fawkes' Day:

***Remember, remember,  
The fifth of November,  
Gunpowder, treason and plot.***

**Date et nom:** .....

*Pour chaque phrase en gras il y a 3 propositions (de suite). Une seule est correcte, coche-la.*

**In 1604, a Protestant**

- tried to kill the King of England.
- was King of England.
- was a dummy.

**Guy Fawkes**

- wasn't a Protestant.
- was a friend of the King.
- was King of England.

**A gunpowder-box is a sort of**

- beauty-case
- soldier
- bomb

**A plot is a kind of**

- explosive
- plan
- money

**A bonfire is**

- an artificial fire made of plastic.
- a big bang, a detonation.
- a large outdoor fire.

**The Government in England is the King or Queen and**

- the Parliament
- the Catholics
- the army (the soldiers)

**The plotters wanted to blow up**

- the whole City of London.
- the whole Parliament and the King
- Buckingham Palace

**A friend of Guy Fawkes was**

- a traitor (who committed treason)
- a Quaker (who was against violence)
- a Protestant (who was against the Pope)

**Guy Fawkes was arrested**

- in the morning of 4 November, when he was trying to make gunpowder.
- at midnight, when he placed and prepared the explosives
- in the morning after the explosion, when he was leaving the country.

**In prison, Guy Fawkes**

- was terribly tortured.
- could happily escape.
- didn't give the names of his friends.

**Guy Fawkes and his friends were**

- sentenced to death
- pardoned after five years in prison.
- singing: Remember the fifth of November...

**The people made fires because**

- they didn't like the plotters.
- they were happy the plotters were dead.
- they wanted money from the King.

**A "penny" is**

- something to eat.
- a drink.
- a coin.

**A "dummy" is a**

- kind of firework.
- large puppet.
- small piece of money.

**When the children get money on 5 November, they**

- use it for the guy.
- spend it on fireworks.
- buy clothes for the winter.

**Every year on 5 November**

- there are parties all over the world.
- British people have parties in parks or fields.
- people enjoy the last sunshine at the seaside.

**A "guy" is made**

- from old clothes.
- from gunpowder.
- by veteran soldiers.

**Children carry their guy in the street**

- to show and to ask for money.
- to chase other children and to have fights.
- to bring the dead leaves and the old pieces of wood to the garbage container.