

## Halloween Customs & Traditions

Halloween costumes originated from the Celts when they lit huge bonfires and celebrated Samhain by dressing up in elaborate animal skins and heads to disguise themselves as spirits and demons. By doing this the real demons couldn't distinguish them as being human. Their ceremonies consisted of dancing, telling stories, and reading fortunes.



### Did You Know?

Orange and black are Halloween colors because orange is associated with the fall harvest and black is associated with the darkness of death.

Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the Roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of fruit trees.



## Pumpkin Cookies

Allow the aromas of fall to fill your kitchen while baking these moist and delicious pumpkin treats.



### Cookie Ingredients

- 1 cup pumpkin (canned is acceptable)
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup shortening
- ¼ tsp. salt
- 1 tbsp. grated orange peel
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp. cinnamon
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1 tsp. baking soda
- ½ cup raisins or nuts (optional)

With electric mixer combine sugar, pumpkin, shortening and orange peel. Stir in flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. Stir in raisins and nuts (optional). Drop by teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake until light brown. 8-10 minutes at 350°. Ice with glaze when almost cool.

### Icing Ingredients

- ¼ margarine
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1 - 2 tsp. milk

In sauce pan heat margarine over medium heat until delicate brown. Stir in powdered sugar, vanilla and milk.

## Pigskin Puzzle

During a recent football competition, 5 schools were competing. Each school played each other once with 2 points for win, 1 point for draw, 0 points if they lost. Here are the final points after all of the matches.

Team A had 6 points; Team B had 5 points; Team C had 4 points; Team D had 2 points. How many points did Team E end with?

Answers can be found at [pierresdpc.com](http://pierresdpc.com)



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