

TASK

Listen to the recording and choose the sentences which are correct according to what you hear. Write the corresponding numbers in the white boxes provided. Item 0 is an example.

HALLOWEEN

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3.	They can also hear werewolves howling and thunder.
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6.	Jack-o-lanterns are masks with scary faces.
7.	On Halloween people wear sexy costumes.
8.	The origins of Halloween come from Islam.
9.	Halloween started in Britain and then it continued in North America.
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True statements:

3. True.
4. It's not traditional but "it's a trend".
5. Children go trick-or-treating, and if you don't give them sweets or money, they will do a trick on you, for example, throw egg at you or your house.
9. True, it went to North America when people from Ireland and Scotland emigrated to America.
10. True, they used turnips in the past.

False statements:

1. They talk about October 31st, although they have talked about Christmas, Ramadan, Diwali (=a Hindu festival that is celebrated in the autumn), Hanukkah (=an eight-day Jewish holiday in November or December).
2. They can hear people screaming and church bells tolling.
6. They are lanterns, not masks. People carve scary faces on jack-o-lanterns which are made with pumpkins.
7. They don't, although there's a party advertised telling people to wear sexy costumes. The journalist implies this is not the usual thing to do on Halloween, but he admits that maybe they do it in some places, for example, in the US.
8. The origins come from a pagan festival - *Samhain*, in Britain (Scotland). He says it has a pagan origin, which "is not like Islam" or other big religions.