

Word on the Street

Bonfire Night

Exercises

Answers are at the end of this support pack.

Activity 1

Watch the video. Choose the correct answers to the questions.

- Every year, Bonfire Night takes place ...
 - on 31st December.
 - on 5th November.
 - on 15th November.
- Steve Lewis ...
 - is the mayor of Winchester.
 - organises the Bonfire Night celebration in Winchester.
 - is in charge of the fireworks on Bonfire Night.
- Bonfire Night is a celebration of the fact that ...
 - Guy Fawkes blew up the English Parliament.
 - Guy Fawkes killed King James.
 - Guy Fawkes' plan to kill King James failed.
- Leon ...
 - is the mayor of Winchester.
 - organises the Bonfire Night celebration in Winchester.

c) is in charge of the fireworks on Bonfire Night.

Activity 2

Watch the video again. Decide if the sentences are true or false.

- Bonfire Night is celebrated all over the country, not just in Winchester.
- About 2,000 people usually attend the celebrations in Winchester.
- The celebrations start with a procession from the city centre at 6pm.
- They plan to light the bonfire at 7pm.
- The firework display will start at about 7.45pm.
- The Gunpowder Plot took place about 400 years ago.
- Leon plans to set off about 5,000 fireworks.
- One of the girls says that last year's fireworks were better.

Activity 3

Look at the sentences with phrasal verbs (**in bold**) from the video. Match the definitions with the phrasal verbs.

= arrive, attend / = begin an event /
= destroy with an explosion / = explode /
= organise, manage / = start an explosion

Tonight's celebration **kicks off** at 6pm in the city centre. _____

At 7.45 the fireworks will **go off** and the crowds will cheer. _____

It's great fun for us to organise and great fun for everybody who **turns up**.

Guy Fawkes planned to kill King James by **blowing up** the Houses of Parliament.

Leon's probably got the best job in the world. He **lets off** / **sets off** fireworks for a living. _____

Leon, talk me through the sort of display you're going to **put on**. _____

Discussion

- When do people usually set off fireworks?
- Had you heard of Guy Fawkes?
- How are bonfires and fireworks used where you live?

Discuss these questions with another student or post a comment on the LearnEnglish website.

Answers

Activity 1

1. b) on 5th November.
2. b) organises the Bonfire Night celebration in Winchester.
3. c) Guy Fawkes' plan to kill King James failed.
4. c) is in charge of the fireworks on Bonfire Night.

Activity 2

1. True
2. False
3. True
4. False
5. True
6. True
7. False
8. False

Activity 3

Tonight's celebration **kicks off** at 6pm in the city centre. = begin an event

At 7.45 the fireworks will **go off** and the crowds will cheer. = explode

It's great fun for us to organise and great fun for everybody who **turns up**. = arrive, attend

Guy Fawkes planned to kill King James by **blowing up** the Houses of Parliament. = destroy with an explosion

Leon's probably got the best job in the world. He **lets off** / **sets off** fireworks for a living. = start an explosion

Leon, talk me through the sort of display you're going to **put on**. = organise, manage