

# HALLOWEEN ALPHABET



Years ago, the Celtic (KEL tik) people celebrated the harvest of fruits and vegetables. Many of these foods were orange. About the same time, they had a festival for the dead called Samhain (SAH ween). The Celts believed the spirits of dead people came back to haunt them in the black of the night. Today's fall celebrations and the Halloween colors of black and orange go back to these old traditions and superstitions.



A is for apple. One, two, or more apples float in a tub of water. Bobbing for them is an old game that is still played with this delicious fruit.



B is for bat. Most bats hang down, rolled up, and sleep in caves or trees with other bats. This creature of the night really scared people of long ago.





C is for cat. The favorite pet animal of the witch creeps around by the light of the moon. It's just a superstition that black cats bring bad luck.