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ANSWER KEY

1 READING

Every year, Halloween attracts millions of visitors to New York and London, and in 2026 both cities are offering an amazing programme.

In New York, the highlight is the famous **Village Halloween Parade**. On 31 October, thousands of people in incredible costumes march through the streets of Manhattan with music, dance and giant puppets. During the week, the city also organises haunted houses, immersive experiences, museum events and themed parties. Many neighbourhoods, such as Greenwich Village, are decorated and offer spooky tours and street shows.

In London, Halloween is celebrated with a mix of history and mystery. The Tower of London organises special evening tours where visitors can hear chilling stories about ghosts, prisoners and the city's dark past. Across the city, there are themed events in parks, museums and markets, with spectacular decorations and creative costumes. Whether you prefer big parades, historical adventures or family activities, New York and London both offer unforgettable Halloween experiences.

2 COMPREHENSION

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- What is the main event in New York?
The Village Halloween Parade, which takes place on 31 October.
- What other activities can visitors do in New York?
They can enjoy haunted houses, immersive experiences, museum events, themed parties, street shows and spooky tours.
- What makes the London Halloween experience different?
It combines Halloween activities with history and mystery, including tours of the Tower of London and stories about ghosts and prisoners.
- Which city would you prefer to visit for Halloween? Why?
Personal answer. Example: I would prefer New York because I love big street parades, amazing costumes and lively celebrations.

3 VOCABULARY

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Complete the sentences with a word from the text.

- People wear amazing _____ during the parade. → **costumes**
- Both cities organise special _____ for Halloween. → **events / activities**
- Thousands of people march through the _____. → **streets**
- Visitors can enjoy spectacular _____ with lights and music. → **shows**
- Every year, millions of _____ come to New York and London. → **visitors**
- The Tower of London is famous for its dark _____. → **history**



4 GRAMMAR

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Comparatives and superlatives. Complete the sentences.

- The Village Halloween Parade is **bigger** (big) than most parades in the world.
- The Tower of London is one of the **most famous** (famous) historical sites in Europe.
- London's Halloween tours are **scarier** (scary) than the daytime visits.
- New York has **more** (many) Halloween events than London.



Remember!

- short adjectives: big → bigger
- long adjectives: famous → more famous → the most famous
- nouns: more events, not more event

5 HALLOWEEN IN LILLE

Here are some Halloween events in Lille for 2026.

1 Halloween au Jardin des Plantes



24 – 31 October 2026

Jardin des Plantes, Lille

A magical trail with pumpkins, light displays and activities for families.

2 Fright Night au Grand Sud



29 – 31 October 2026

Le Grand Sud, Lille

A haunted house experience, shows and a costume party.

3 Halloween au Vieux-Lille



31 October 2026

Vieux-Lille

Themed shops, street animations and a costume contest.

4 Le Marché de l'Horreur



28 – 31 October 2026

Place Rihour, Lille

Local food, crafts and Halloween decorations.

6 SPEAKING

Prepare a short presentation (about 1 minute) to recommend Halloween in Lille to a friend. Use the events above.

KEY WORDS (example)

Event 1

Jardin des Plantes

24 – 31 Oct

pumpkins / light displays

family / nature

Event 2

Grand Sud

29 – 31 Oct

haunted house / shows

more exciting / for friends

Use these points:

- Present two events (name, date, place)
- What can you do there?
- Compare the two events
- Say which one you recommend and why

USEFUL LANGUAGE

- Firstly, ... / Secondly, ...
- You can ...
- It is more ... than ...
- In my opinion, ...
- I would recommend ... because ...
- Don't miss it!



MODEL ANSWER (about 1 minute)

Hi everyone! Today, I'm going to recommend two Halloween events in Lille.

Firstly, you can visit the Jardin des Plantes from 24 to 31 October. You will be able to discover a magical trail with pumpkins and light displays. I think it's a great idea for families.

Secondly, you can go to the Grand Sud from 29 to 31 October. You can experience a haunted house, watch shows and join a costume party. In my opinion, the Grand Sud is more exciting than the Jardin des Plantes because it's perfect for teenagers and friends. Personally, I would recommend the Grand Sud. Don't miss it!

SPEAKING ASSESSMENT (/20)

Information: two events (name, date, place, activities)	/5
Organisation and connectors	/4
Vocabulary (Halloween, comparatives, etc.)	/4
Pronunciation and intelligibility	/3
Fluency and ability to speak without reading	/4
Total	/20