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Thanks, Elizabeth, for helping Halloween be less of a trick and more of a treat!

*FCE – Use of English Part 1*

***Gap Fill –Multiple Choice:***

1. ***A*** back

***B*** *then*

***C*** *around*

***D*** *behind*

1. ***A*** *another*

***B*** *any*

***C*** *other*

***D*** *less*

1. ***A*** *variety*

***B*** *kinds*

***C*** *many*

***D*** *different*

1. ***A*** *due*

***B*** *since*

***C*** *for*

***D*** *since*

1. ***A*** *though*

***B*** *however*

***C*** *even*

***D*** *never*

1. ***A*** *put*

***B*** *set*

***C*** *planned*

***D*** *prepared*

1. ***A*** *up*

***B*** *down*

***C*** *less*

***D*** *higher*

1. ***A*** *continue*

***B*** *begin*

***C*** *start*

***D*** *kept*



***Watch the video and answer the questions:***

TRUE OR FALSE:

1. Halloween night is also known as Devil´s night.
2. Originally Elizabeth thought the kids needed a party to celebrate Halloween night
3. Her first party was so successful that the kids left her garden alone.
4. Elizabeth dedicated an entire six months to plan an even better party.
5. She celebrated her second party at home.
6. After the second party her garden was left untouched.
7. Her idea was so successful that they decided to keep it going every year.
8. Halloween isn’t about putting poo in people’s lawns. But about getting a shit-ton of candy.

DISCUSSION:

1. Is Halloween popular in your country?
2. Do you celebrate it?
3. Do you like dressing up?
4. Which ones are your favorite holidays?

**Answers:**

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	2. *F*
	3. *F*
	4. *F*
	5. *F*
	6. *T*
	7. *T*
	8. *T*