

## Lesson for Upper-beginner

### Pre-Reading Questions:

What do you know about Halloween?

Read the article and discuss.

## Anoka, Minnesota: The Halloween Capital of the World A Local Legacy

Did you know that Halloween has a capital? Anoka, Minnesota, calls itself the "Halloween Capital of the World," as it is one of the first cities in the United States to put on a Halloween celebration that **discourages** people from playing tricks or causing trouble.

In 1920, a weeklong celebration was started in Anoka in an effort to take the **trick** out of trick-or-treat. The Grand Day Parade includes a Mass Band, made up of bands from four high schools. Another **featured** event is the Gray **Ghost** 5K Run, inspired by **sightings** of Bill Andberg, a marathon runner in his 70s whose gray-clad ghostly figure can often be seen running through a local **cemetery**.

There are many competitions during the week, including a **pumpkin** bake-off and one for best Halloween house decorations. Most **participants** wear their Halloween **costumes**. Do you suppose people wear the same costumes all week long?

### Vocabulary words from this article:

band  
cemetery  
costume  
discourage  
feature

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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