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Abbreviations

sb = somebody
sth = something



Before you start

1. How much do you know about Guido Fawkes and the Gunpowder Plot?
2. What connection do you think these words have with what happened?

fireworks Houses of Parliament explosives cell Bonfire Night



3. Why is the Gunpowder Plot still celebrated in the UK today?
4. Which historical events do you celebrate? What is so special about them?

📅 October 20th 📍 A house in Nottingham



Helen Fawkes was putting on her son's uniform when she heard the front door open.

"Guy, is that you?" she called from the bedroom. "Where have you been? It's nearly half past five!"

"Hi, Mum! Yes, it's me," Guy called back.

Helen Fawkes heard him running upstairs.

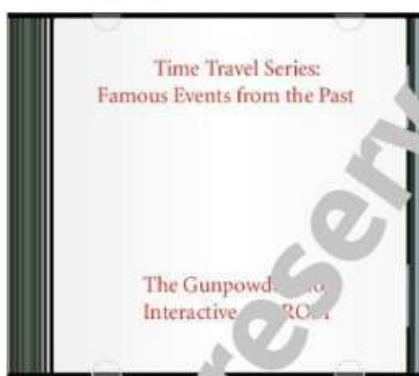
"Will you get your own uniform, please? I have to go to work now!" she said.

"Yes! Later," Guy answered.

As soon as he was in his bedroom, Guy switched on his computer and typed in his password: **GUNPOWDER**. Other kids in his class spent their time and money on music, or sport, or new clothes, but not Guy. He spent most of his time - and money on ROMs for his computer. And when he wasn't sitting at his computer, he was doing experiments in his home-made

29 **gunpowder** mix of chemicals that explode

chemistry **laboratory**. Guy opened his bag and took out the CD-ROM that he had bought on his way home from school. He read the big red letters on the cover:



He took the CD-ROM out of its box, pushed it into the **drive** and waited. The machine clicked several times and then the screen went dark. Suddenly a white light exploded in the middle of the **screen** and there was a fantastic **firework display**.

Guy clicked the mouse. The title and a short text came on the screen:



laboratory building or room used for scientific experiments – 13 **plot** plan to do sth bad – 18 **drive** part of a computer that controls and stores – 20 **screen** part of a computer we look at – 21 **firework display** light show in the sky made from exploding objects



“Guido Fawkes? I thought he was called Guy,” Guy thought to himself. Of course he knew a bit about the Gunpowder Plot, but he wanted to learn more. That is why he had bought this CD-ROM. Guy read the rest of the text and learned that Guy Fawkes was also called Guido, which is Spanish for Guy. He clicked again. The music stopped and some dates appeared in boxes on the screen.

A voice like a robot’s said, “Click onto any of these dates and you can go back in time.”

Guy clicked on a date. His trip back in time to meet the man with his name was beginning.

Think about it ...

Are you like Guy? What do you spend your money on?

Do your parents leave you at home on your own? What do you do when you are on your own in the house?