



Guy Fawkes (A2)

On 5 November in the United Kingdom, it's Guy Fawkes Night!



In 1605, Guy Fawkes and other extreme Catholics wanted to protest about the persecution of Catholics. They wanted to **blow up** the British parliament and assassinate the monarch, King James I.

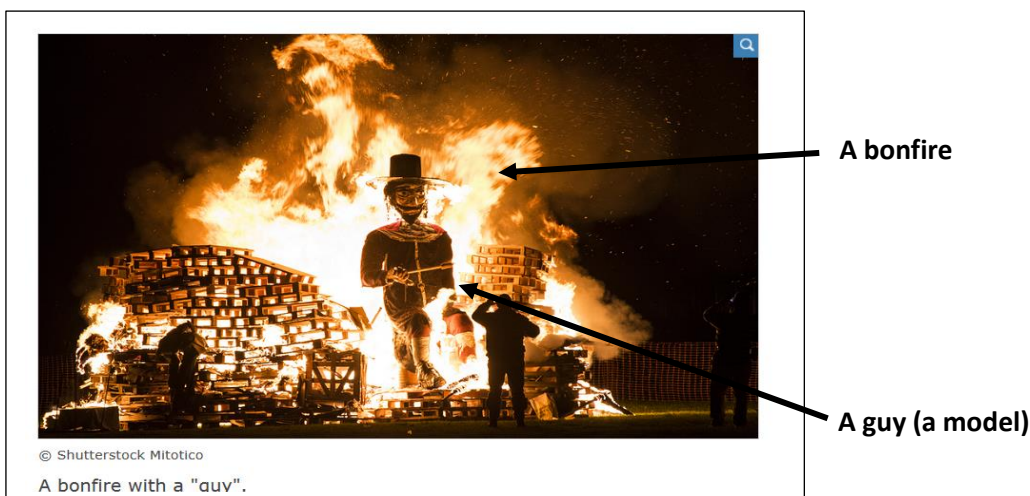
On the fifth of November, the army discovered the **conspiracy**. Fawkes was captured

with the explosives under Parliament. He was imprisoned in the Tower of London, tortured and executed. Other conspirators were captured too, but it is Fawkes who is remembered.

To celebrate the end of the conspiracy, the British had big **bonfires** with a **model** of Guy Fawkes.

Today, on Guy Fawkes Night, 5 November, the tradition continues. There are big public **fireworks** displays and bonfires, with a "guy".

- **Blow up** = destroy with explosives
- **Conspiracy** = secret plan
- **Bonfires** : big fires outside for celebrations
- **Fireworks** : colorful explosions in the sky
- **A model** = a mannequin, an object that resembles the person (here Guy Fawkes)



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A bonfire with a "guy".