



## Guy Fawkes (A1)

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



In 1605, Guy Fawkes and other Catholics wanted to protest about the persecution of Catholics. They wanted to **blow up** the British parliament. They wanted to assassinate the monarch, King James I. On the fifth of November, the army discovered the **conspiracy**. Fawkes was captured and imprisoned in the Tower of London. He was tortured and executed. 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 **fireworks** and bonfires, with a "guy": a **model** of Guy Fawkes!

- **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)

