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## Halloween

Halloween is a festival that is celebrated today in almost every part of the world. Children dress up as witches, ghosts



and other scary creatures. They go from door to door for "trick or treat" in the hope of being given sweets and other goodies. Halloween games are played and sometimes bonfires are lit. Pumpkins of all sizes are carved into faces and lit with candles and are placed outside houses along with other weird and wonderful scary decorations.

However, did you know that the festival we now know as Halloween began in Ireland more than 3,000 years ago?

Halloween began as the festival of Samhain, (saw win) the Irish word for November. This was a very important festival in Ireland thousands of years ago. This was the day people celebrated their New Year. It marked the end of summer and celebrated the harvesting of crops of vegetables and fruit which would be gathered and stored as food for the long winter ahead. In fact, they believed that crops not picked before 1<sup>st</sup> November should not be eaten. People gathered around bonfires and shared out fruit, nuts and vegetables.

It also marked the beginning of the long winter ahead. It was believed that on the night of October 31<sup>st</sup>, ghosts and evil spirits roamed the earth looking for people to take back with them to the world of the dead. So, people believed that if they dressed up as ghosts that this would confuse the spirits into thinking they were one of them. This is where today's tradition of dressing up as ghosts began.

Along with bonfires, lanterns made out of turnips carved with a face and a candle inside, were left outside the door to keep evil spirits away. This

tradition came about because of the old Irish legend of Jack O Lantern. This legend tells the story of a blacksmith named Jack who tried to trick the devil. When he died he was not allowed enter into heaven or hell so to this day he still roams the earth with just the light of a burning coal which he carries in a turnip.

Irish people who emigrated to America over the years, brought the Irish custom of Halloween with them. Turnips were not available in America so they carved pumpkins instead. Today pumpkins are used at Halloween all over the world including Ireland. In fact, it is thought that in America 700 million dollars will be spent on buying pumpkins for Halloween this year. The bad



news for the environment is that most of these pumpkins will end up as waste.

The tradition of children going from house to house on Halloween night for "Trick or Treat" followed by party games, first began in America in the 1930's. However it is believed that again this tradition began many hundreds of years ago when poor people also dressed up at Halloween, calling to the houses of the rich in the hope of being given food and drinks.

Remember if your children are going out to "Trick or Treat" this year, please observe all the Covid guidelines. Also make sure your child wears bright colours or a hi-vis jacket so motorists can see them and remember children should be accompanied by an adult.

<b>There, Their and They're</b>	<b>Two, Too and To</b>
<p><b>there</b> is used in 2 ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To say where something is placed Example: The bank is over <b>there</b>.</li> <li>Used with 'is' and 'are' Example: <b>There is</b> a hole in my shoe. <b>There are</b> seven days in a week.</li> </ul>	<p><b>two</b> is how you write the number 2 Example: I am going away for <b>two</b> nights.</p>
<p><b>their</b> is used for something that belongs to them</p> <p>Examples: They parked <b>their car</b> outside. <b>Their house</b> is lovely.</p>	<p><b>too</b> is used in 2 ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Instead of also, or as well Examples: I like apples and I like grapes <b>too</b>. Mary is coming to the cinema <b>too</b>.</li> <li>To say there's more than enough of something. Examples: I was <b>too tired</b> so I didn't go out. That coat is <b>too expensive</b>.</li> </ol>
<p><b>they're</b> is short for 'they are'</p> <p>Examples: <b>They're</b> coming to see us. I know them, but <b>they're</b> not my friends.</p>	<p><b>to</b> is used in 2 ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Before an action word Example: I love to sing.</li> <li>To show direction Examples: I am going <b>to a</b> party in town. She gave a card <b>to</b> her friend.</li> </ol>

**Fill in the blanks using two, too or to.**

Mary has \_\_\_\_\_ dogs, \_\_\_\_\_ cats and a goldfish \_\_\_\_\_. Her friends tell her she has \_\_\_\_\_ many animals in her house. She said the house would be \_\_\_\_\_ quiet without them. Every morning she has \_\_\_\_\_ bring the \_\_\_\_\_ dogs for a walk \_\_\_\_\_ the park. Sometimes the dog next door comes along \_\_\_\_\_. The cats just lie on their \_\_\_\_\_ rugs in front of the fire. Mary has \_\_\_\_\_ kennels in her back garden for the dogs \_\_\_\_\_ sleep in. She would love to have a few hens \_\_\_\_\_. However, her garden is \_\_\_\_\_ small and anyway the dogs would not be \_\_\_\_\_ happy with hens running around.

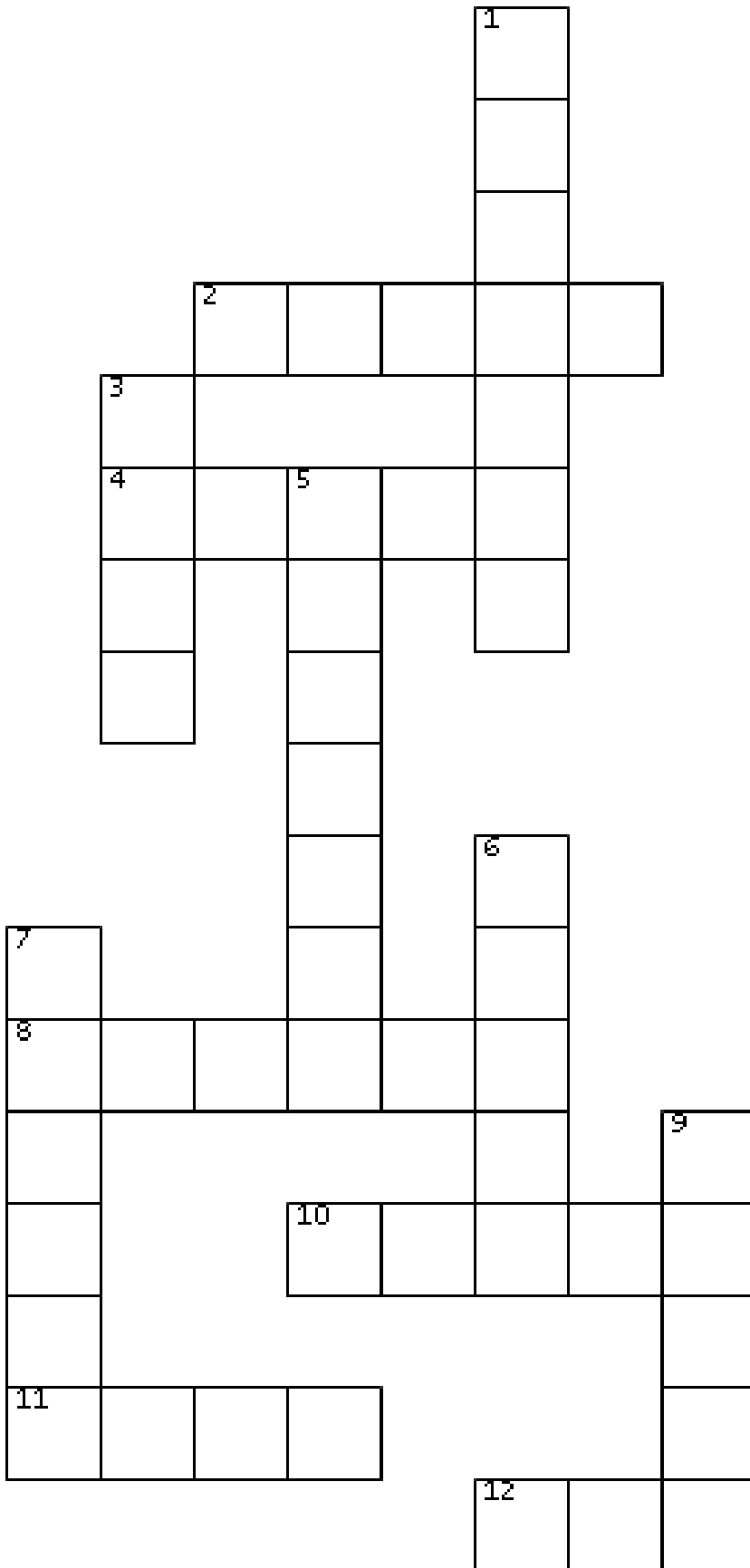
**Fill in the blanks using there, their or they're.**

- Tell them to hang up \_\_\_\_\_ coats.
- Please stand over \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ car is parked outside.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a mouse in the house.

- \_\_\_\_\_ great friends.
- Joe is always \_\_\_\_\_ on time.
- They take \_\_\_\_\_ dog for a walk.
- Ask them if \_\_\_\_\_ ready to go.
- \_\_\_\_\_ children are all grown up.
- \_\_\_\_\_ are 12 months in a year.



# Halloween Crossword



## Clues

### ACROSS

2. People put red on their faces and pretend it is this. (5)



4. Snap \_\_\_\_\_, a game played at Halloween. (5)

8. The colour of a pumpkin. (6)

10. She wears a pointy hat and travels on a broom. (5)



11. Some people give children fruit and \_\_\_\_\_. (4)



12. A black flying creature. (3)



### DOWN

1. Halloween is held on the last day of this month. (7)

3. People wear a scary one of these on their face to frighten you. (4)

5. You carve a scary face on this. (7)



6. Trick or \_\_\_\_\_. (5)

7. Found in the graveyard. (6)



9. People put a white sheet over their head and pretend to be this. (5)



## Maths

### 1. Money and change questions.

Find out how much change I get back in each.

(The first one is done for you.)

I spend	I hand in	I get back
A. €23.98	€50.00	<u>€26.02</u>
B. € 12.00	€20.00	€_____
C. €45.72	3 x €20	€_____
D. €6.57	2 x €5	€_____
E. €63.45	2 x €50	€_____
F. €357.48	4 x €100	€_____

2. Tom won €12,000 in the lotto. He spent € 1500 on a holiday, € 3000 on home renovations and saved € 2500. He divided the rest between his 4 children.

**How much will each child get?**

3. I want to buy a new computer.

If I pay for it in full today, it will cost me €450.

If I pay for it over 12 months, I have to pay €50 each month.

**How much more will it cost me if I pay monthly?**

4. I can travel a journey of 500km in my car using €80 of petrol.

**a. How much petrol will I need to travel 750km?**

**b. How many km will I travel for €40 of petrol?**

### Answers

Q1 B €8 C €14.28 D €3.43 E €36.55 F €42.52  
Q2 €1,250  
Q3 €150  
Q4 a. €120 b. 250km