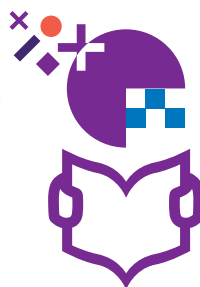


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A worksheet for adults to practise reading, writing, spelling and numbers.

A Halloween story



Tom and Amy go to County Clare for Halloween. In the pub, they hear people talk about the old house up on the hill. The house is called Hill Top House. It is a big house, but it is empty and run down. No one lives there. People say that every year on Halloween night, lights can be seen. They say ghosts live there.

Tom and Amy think this is funny. They do not think that there are ghosts there. They put up a tent near the old house. They will camp there on Halloween night. They light a fire. They are not scared.



At night, they go to sleep. Later, Tom hears the wind. He hears people crying. He wakes Amy. She hears it too. They look outside. The house is full of light. They see ghosts in white clothes. They see a carriage with 6 horses.



The driver has no head! The ghosts are taken into the carriage. Now, Tom and Amy are afraid. Tom shouts, "Run!" They run away, very fast. They run as far as the road. A farmer finds them in the morning. They are cold and scared. They are not able to talk. They never went back to the old house. They never went camping again.

Words from the story



Word list:

Halloween, house, ghosts, lights, tent, fire, scared, horses

Writing practice

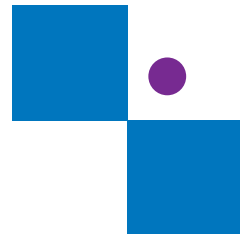


Fill in the blanks using the words from the story.

1. Tom and Amy go to County Clare for _____.
2. In the pub they hear people talk about the old _____.
3. People think _____ live there.
4. Every Halloween they see _____ in the house.
5. Tom and Amy put up a _____.
6. They light a _____.
7. They are not _____ of ghosts.
8. They see a carriage with 6 _____.



Read and answer



Read the story on page 1 again and answer the questions below.

Tick ✓ the correct answer a, b or c. The first one is done for you.

1. Where did Tom and Amy go for Halloween?



a. Clare



b. Galway



c. Dublin

2. Where did they hear about the old house?



a. In the shop



b. In the pub



c. In the park

3. What was the name of the house?



a. Tree House



b. Hill Top House



c. New House

4. What did Tom and Amy put up near the house?



a. tent



b. a house



c. a bed

5. How many horses pulled the carriage?



a. 4



b. 6



c. 10

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Reading practice - Halloween



- Halloween is on 31 October.
- Halloween started in Ireland many hundreds of years ago.
- Some people say ghosts come out on that night.
- People dress up as a ghost, a witch or a monster.
- Children go to houses and say, “Trick or treat!”
- People give them sweets, nuts and apples.
- Many people put a pumpkin outside their homes.
- They cut a face into the pumpkin and put a candle inside.
- Some people tell a scary story or watch a scary film.
- Halloween is a time for fun with friends.

Writing practice

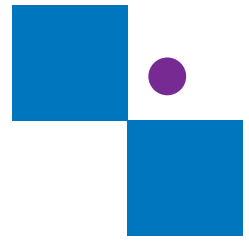


31 October	ghosts	monster	houses
Treat	apples	pumpkin	

Fill in the blanks with words from the box.

1. Halloween is on _____.
2. Some people say _____ come out on that night.
3. People dress up as a ghost, a witch or a _____.
4. Children go to _____.
5. They say “Trick or _____”.
6. People give them sweets, nuts and _____.
7. Many people put a _____ outside their homes.

Read and answer



Read page 4 again. You will find all the answers to the questions below.

1. When is Halloween?

Answer: It is on _____ .

2. What do people say come out on that night?

Answer: They say _____ come out on that night.

3. What do children say at Halloween?

Answer: They say _____ or _____ .

4. What do people give to children at Halloween?

Answer: They give them _____ .

5. What do people dress up as?

Answer: They dress up as a _____ , a _____ or a _____ .

6. What do people put outside the house at Halloween?

Answer: They put a _____ outside the house.

7. What do some people put inside the pumpkin?

Answer: They put a _____ inside the pumpkin.

8. What do some people like to watch at Halloween?

Answer: They like to watch a _____ .

Halloween word search

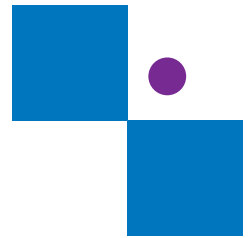


Find these Halloween words hidden in the word search.

ghost monster witch pumpkin halloween
trick treat sweets apples nuts

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a t r i c k h p h e d t b f e
a k v j y j o a o p z e m j l
w i t c h a s h l z s u o r w
t r e a t f t p s l w o n a b
n r n z x u v c m r o n s c a
e f p q p u m p k i n w t x e
e x l n z t a d s p d g e p d
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k u i x p e s a p p l e s h w
d s t q w t v s m h o m l j x
s b u s k g b c p t y d v m d
i a w g i n a c e m v i c e b
r y j q b d z l c k x w q i g

Halloween matching



Match the picture with the word. The first one is done for you.

apples

nuts

pumpkin

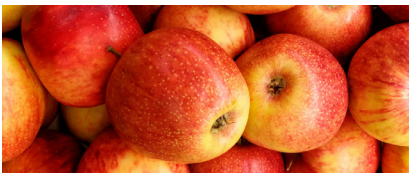
witch

ghost

sweets



sweets



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