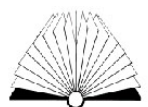
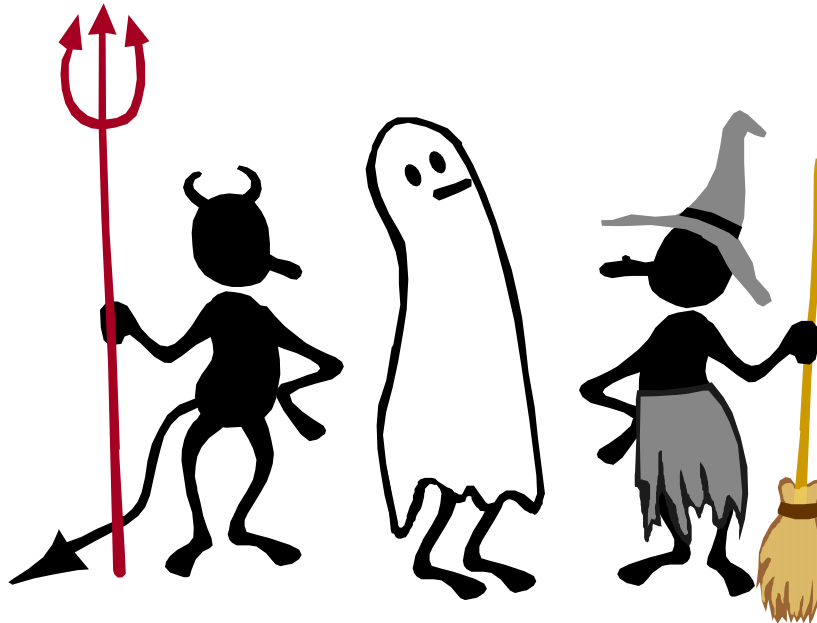




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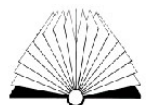
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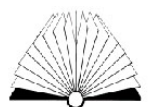
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2 – Halloween Crosswords  
Which one is Different?  
Help the Witch  
Help the Ghost





## Poems

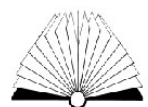
### Black Cat

A cat as black  
As blackest coal  
Is out upon  
His midnight stroll.  
His steps are soft,  
His walk is slow,  
His eyes are gold,  
They flash and glow.  
And so I run,  
And so I duck,  
I do not need,  
His black cat luck.



### The Countdown

There are ten ghosts in the pantry,  
There are nine upon the stairs,  
There are eight in the attic,  
There are seven on the chairs,  
There are six within the kitchen,  
There are five along the hall,  
There are four upon the ceiling,  
There are three upon the wall,  
There are two ghosts on the carpet,  
Doing things that ghosts will do,  
There is one ghost right behind me  
Who is oh so quiet...BOO!





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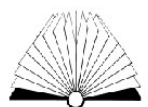
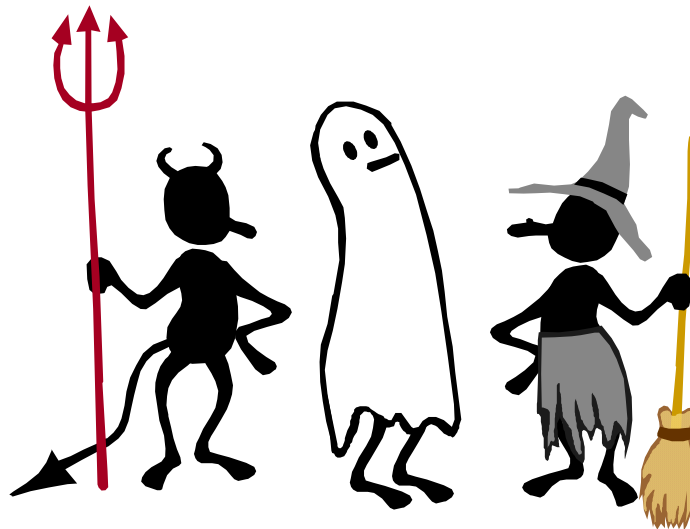
## It's Halloween

It's Halloween! It's Halloween!  
The moon is full and bright  
And we shall see what can't be seen  
On any other night.

Skeletons and ghosts and ghouls,  
Grinning goblins fighting duels,  
Werewolves rising from their tombs,  
Witches on their magic brooms.

In masks and gowns  
We haunt the street  
And knock on doors  
For trick or treats

Tonight we are  
The king and queen,  
For oh, tonight  
It's Halloween!





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## Five Little Pumpkins

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate  
*(hold up five fingers)*

The first one said, "Oh my, it's getting late."  
*(Hold up thumb)*

The second one said, "There are witches in the air."  
*(hold up index finger)*

The third one said, "I don't care."  
*(hold up middle finger)*

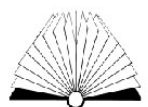
The fourth one said, "Let's run, run, run."  
*(hold up ring finger)*

The fifth one said, "It's Halloween fun."  
*(hold up little finger)*

Then woooooooooooo went the wind,  
*(wave hands back and forth)*

And OUT went the light!  
*(clap hand loudly)*

Five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.  
*(roll hands one over the other)*





## Story

### One Halloween Night

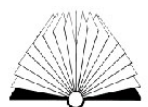
by Alecia Dixon

It was a warm Halloween night. Five boys hurriedly put on their Halloween costumes while chattering away with delight in anticipation of one of their favorite holidays. There will be friends, filled with giggles and smiles, and parents holding on tight to little hands. Uncertain tots approaching neighbors' doors will eagerly hold out their bags and nervously say, "Trick-or-Treat" for the first time.

These five boys, were far from tots...Logan, Kyle, Skyler, Colby and Conner were all eight, and couldn't wait for the festivities of the evening to begin. Tonight they would trick-or-treat to their hearts' content, raking in the goodies. Then they would all go back to Logan's home. His mom and dad would inspect their goods. Then they would gobble up their candy, with a tall glass of milk by their sides, and a bowl of freshly made carmel popcorn in the middle of their loot.

The boys' parents had decided it was alright for the boys to trick-or-treat on three well-known streets in their friendly neighborhood, without their parents standing by their sides. They would leave at 7:00 pm and were expected to be back promptly at 8:00 pm.

Logan was dressed as Dracula with a long flowing black cape, lined with red satin. Kyle donned a Larry Boy outfit, Skyler wore his Spiderman suit, Colby transformed into Wolverine from the X-Men and Conner became Batman. The clock struck 7 o'clock, as the boys whooped with loud hollers and shouts and headed out the door. Logan's parents stood in the doorway, watching the kids run down the street. Little did the boys know, Logan's dad would not be far behind them. After all, these were five, mischievous





eight year olds on the loose. Somebody had to be nearby to protect the neighbors.

Just before the boys turned onto Angela Street they eagerly approached the first door of many they would knock on that night. Crashing into each other, as they made their way up the walk, they knocked on the door and waited. Little old Mrs. Jenkins hobbled to the door with a big grin on her sweet, weathered, face.

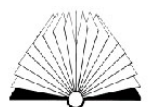
"Good Evening, boys," she said as she generously scooped candy into their bags.

The boys replied, "Good Evening, Mrs. Jenkins" in their sing-song, eight-year-old voices. Followed by, "Thank you Mrs. Jenkins."

"Happy Halloween," she shouted as the boys scurried down her walk and turned out of sight.

Up the street they went, back down the other side, over onto Hideaway Place, and then finally Story Lane. The boys looked at their watches, right on time. Mom and dad will be so proud! Then, all of a sudden, a gust of wind kicked up causing all five boys to shiver a bit. Only three houses left and they would be on their way back to Logan's. It was pretty dark outside, but the street was well lit, and they could see lots of other children and parents walking about. Next they would knock on the Butcherite's door, then the Klefbeck's, and then the Wells'.

There was another house on that street too. It wasn't like the others, well kept with a manicured lawn and cute Halloween decorations outside. It was the Johnson Place. The door looked like it was ready to fall off, and the whole house was sorely in need of some paint. It was legend that the house was haunted, but the boys didn't believe in that spooky stuff. They did, however, agree that old Mr. Johnson, who lived in the place, was as mean as they came. Mr. Johnson was known for grumping and grouching at anyone that looked twice at him. Someone once said he ate worm sandwiches for lunch and frog legs for dinner. YUCK! That's one door they wouldn't be knocking on tonight.





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The wind kicked up again, this time it took Conner's mask with it. The boys ran after the mask as it skidded across the sidewalk, tumbled over the bushes, and floated through the air. Before they knew it, they were standing in the yard of the old Johnson Place. Conner's mask had become stuck on a nail that protruded from the window frame and was dangling, limply, there.

The boys were all thinking the same thing, but no one said it, 'Who was going to walk up there and get it?'

Finally, Skyler spoke up, "Conner, you better go get your mask."

"I don't really need it," Conner replied in his most grown up voice.

Kyle whispered, "Why don't we all go get it together?"

The boys looked at the mask, then at each other. "Let's do it," they all said in unison and began to slowly move toward the porch.

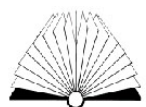
The boys could see a dim light, from a distant room within the house. They were at ease with the thought Mr. Johnson was probably in bed for the night. Upon approaching the window frame, Conner plucked the mask off the nail. All five boys let out a sigh of relief at having accomplished their task.

Suddenly, the light inside the house flickered and went out. A long, whiny, squeaking sound to their right drew their attention to the front door, blown open and now flapping in the wind. Their hearts were racing and their feet felt heavy, as if they were stuck in cement. From inside the house they could hear someone moaning, almost as if they were in pain.

"Do you think it's Mr. Johnson," asked Skyler.

"What should we do?" croaked Conner. "Mean as they say he is, we can't just let him suffer."

"We'll just all stick together and we'll be okay, after all there's five of us," said Logan.





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Quietly the boys slipped in through the door.

Colby called out, "Mr. Johnson, can we help you?"

Kyle tried the light switch but it didn't work. He stepped in something mushy that let off a horrible stench.

"Smells like someone died".

The boys felt their way around, grabbing onto furniture and walls as they groped about and called out to Mr. Johnson. SPLAT!

"OOOooo GROSS,"

"What is it?"

"I don't know feels like worms."

"Hey, you think the thing about the worm sandwiches is true?" asked Conner.

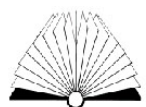
"Let's just find Mr. Johnson and get out of here, everybody stay focused," said Skyler.

Just then Skyler stepped on something. He leaned over and picked it up. It was cold as ice, upon feeling around it seemed to have a thumb and four fingers, but no arm...

"YIKES!" choked out Skyler, "I think I'm holding onto someone's hand but there's no arm... this is getting freaky!"

A second later, Colby blurted out, "It feels like I picked up someone's eyeballs but I dropped them and they're rolling around on the floor. Let's get out of here!"

As he turned a tray clattered to the floor and the sounds of plink, plink, plink echoed through the house. Scrambling to pick up what was beneath him, he was sure they were bones, probably belonged to some poor, helpless, unsuspecting soul. 'Would they be next?'





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As the boys turned to run Logan slipped on something wet, he strained to peer through the darkness, there was blood on his pants and now on his hands.

"AHHHHH, blood," he screamed and dove for the door. Just then the lights came on, the boys froze, and there in the doorway was Logan's Dad.

"What are you boys doing?" The boys all tried to talk at once, each one breathing heavily, gulping down air, with every word they tried desperately to get out.

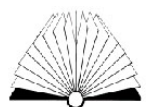
In the background, they heard laughing. It started out small, like a hee, hee, hee, then got bigger like a HA, HA, HA, then it was all out laughing hysteria! Who could be laughing at a time like this? The boys turned and there was Mr. Johnson laughing his guts out! His house was a shambles with all the running and diving that had just taken place and there was stuff all over the floor. The boys began to point and jump around excitedly until they realized just what was all over the floor. Spaghetti! Meatballs! Peeled grapes! A rubber latex glove filled with ice, now lay melting in the middle of the hardwood floor.

The boys looked at Mr. Johnson, they looked at each other, then they looked at Logan's Dad, who was also laughing. As they put it all together, they realized what had happened. In the few minutes they were in the Johnson place they had completely destroyed Mr. Johnson's dinner. They also noted that Mr. Johnson was walking with a cane.

He pointed to his knee and amid his laughter squealed out, "The frozen glove's for my bum knee, hurt it yesterday trying to fix the door."

"But the moaning," cried Skyler, "we heard someone moaning."

"That would be Fritz, my dog, he just hates it when I chain him up, especially when he knows there's a can of wet dog food with his name on it."





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There, smeared across the hardwood floor, near the door, was the wet dog food.

"Why do you peel your grapes?" asked Colby.

"Never did like the way the skins would get caught in my dentures," replied Mr. Johnson, still laughing.

"But what about the blood?" cried Logan.

"You mean the spaghetti sauce that was sitting in that bowl?"

Logan looked over and saw the bowl, half full of sauce, lying upside down on the floor, oozing out everywhere.

One thing nagged at Logan 'til he just couldn't help but ask, "Why didn't you come when we called?"

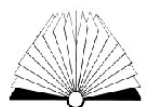
"When the lights went out, I had to go down to the basement to flip the switch, takes me awhile to get around with the knee. While I was down there I heard a bunch of stuff falling over, muffled voices, thought it was a robber, but by the time I got up the stairs and saw all of you, and your dad there, I started putting it all together, you think I don't know that my house is legend to be 'haunted'?"

Speechless, the boys stared at Mr. Johnson, until Logan said, "Gee, we're sorry Mr. Johnson, we thought you were hurt and we wanted to help you."

"That was awfully kind of you boys".

"You know though," said Logan's dad, "You should have come and got me, you know better than to enter a house alone, what if something had been amiss?"

"We've learned our lesson Dad, we promise."



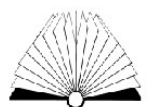


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"Yeah, scouts' honor", the boys proclaimed. "Well let's help Mr. Johnson clean up."

After all was clean, the boys invited Mr. Johnson to come back to their house and share in the festivities. That weekend the boys and their parents, got the neighborhood together to help Mr. Johnson with the repairs around his house. Some of the fathers and sons painted the outside of the house while others saw to the yard. There were cookies and milk after all was done.

Every year, thereafter, the boys would end their trick-or-treating at Mr. Johnson's place. Then he'd walk them home and tell ghost stories while they dug into their candy and hung on his every word. All because of one Halloween night.





## Jokes and Riddles

Ask these riddles to the group. Have them guess before telling them the answer.

1. What do ghosts serve for dessert?

Ice Scream

2. What was the witch's favorite subject in school?

Spelling

3. What do you call a skeleton who won't work?

Lazy bones

4. What do you call a fat Jack-O-Lantern?

A Plumpkin

5. What kind of mistakes do spooks make?

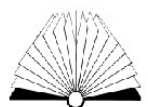
Boo boos

6. What was the favorite game at the ghost's birthday party?

Hide and Shriek

7. What do the birds sing on Halloween?

Trick or Tweet





# Crafts

## Creepy Crawly Spider Bracelets

This is a fun and easy Halloween project for pre-school children.

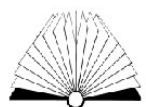
### What You Need

- Black construction paper
- Wiggle eyes
- White paper (for "fangs")
- Paper fastener
- Stapler and staples
- Scissors
- White crayon
- Glue
- Pencil



### How To Make It

1. Fold black construction paper in half.
2. Along folded edge, lay child's hand palm down (midway through palm) and trace fingers with white crayon.
3. Cut out the outline of the fingers.
4. Unfold and you have a complete image of a spider with eight legs. Now turn the spider over and with the pencil, roll the legs around the pencil...this makes the legs curl under and gives a more creepy, crawly effect.

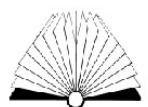




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5. Cut a 1" strip of black paper from the remaining scraps, and form it into a circle for the bracelet part. At the appropriate length, staple the ends together.
6. Attach the bracelet to the underside center of the spider using the paper fastener.
7. Glue on the wiggle eyes and the 'fangs' that you design and cut from the white paper to the spider's head.
8. The child puts his/her fingers or wrist through the bracelet...the kids can make their spiders creep and crawl with a back & forth rocking motion of their wrists. The paper fastener allows the spider to turn back and forth or 360 degrees, too!

**Have fun!!**





## **Sew-A-Pumpkin**

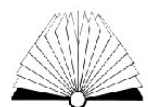
### **What You Need**

- Orange paper
- Clear plastic (report covers work well)
- Black yarn
- Permanent black marker
- Hole punch
- Scissors
- Some type of candy



### **How To Make It**

1. Cut 4 to 4 1/2 inch squares of orange paper and clear plastic.
2. Draw the shape of a pumpkin on the orange paper.
3. Holding the clear plastic and orange paper together cut out the pumpkin shape.
4. Draw a face on the clear plastic with a permanent marker.
5. Holding the shapes together, punch holes around the edge of the pumpkin. Start at the top center of the pumpkin and make the punches about 1/4 in. apart
6. Lace up the shape with yarn, starting at the top center. Leave a long tail and start sewing from the front.
7. Stop about 5 holes from the end, and fill with candy.
8. Finish sewing and tie a bow in the center.





## Cereal Box Gravestones

Have fun decorating your yard with this craft!

### What You Need

- Black and white tempera paint
- 3 cups for mixing paint
- Paintbrush
- Assorted-size cereal boxes
- 2 sponges
- Thick black permanent marker

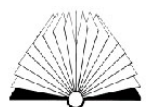
### How To Make It

1. Mix paints to make a light gray, medium gray, and dark gray.
2. Paint boxes with two to three coats of medium gray. Let dry.
3. Use the sponges to dab on the light and dark gray paint to give gravestones a mottled look. Let dry.
4. Write names and dates with marker. Such as:  
Dracula died here 1768-1842, etc.

**HINT:** Fill Ziploc plastic bags with sand or rocks and place inside boxes to keep them from blowing over. Stand them in mounds of dirt, sand or snow.

### Tips

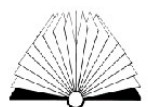
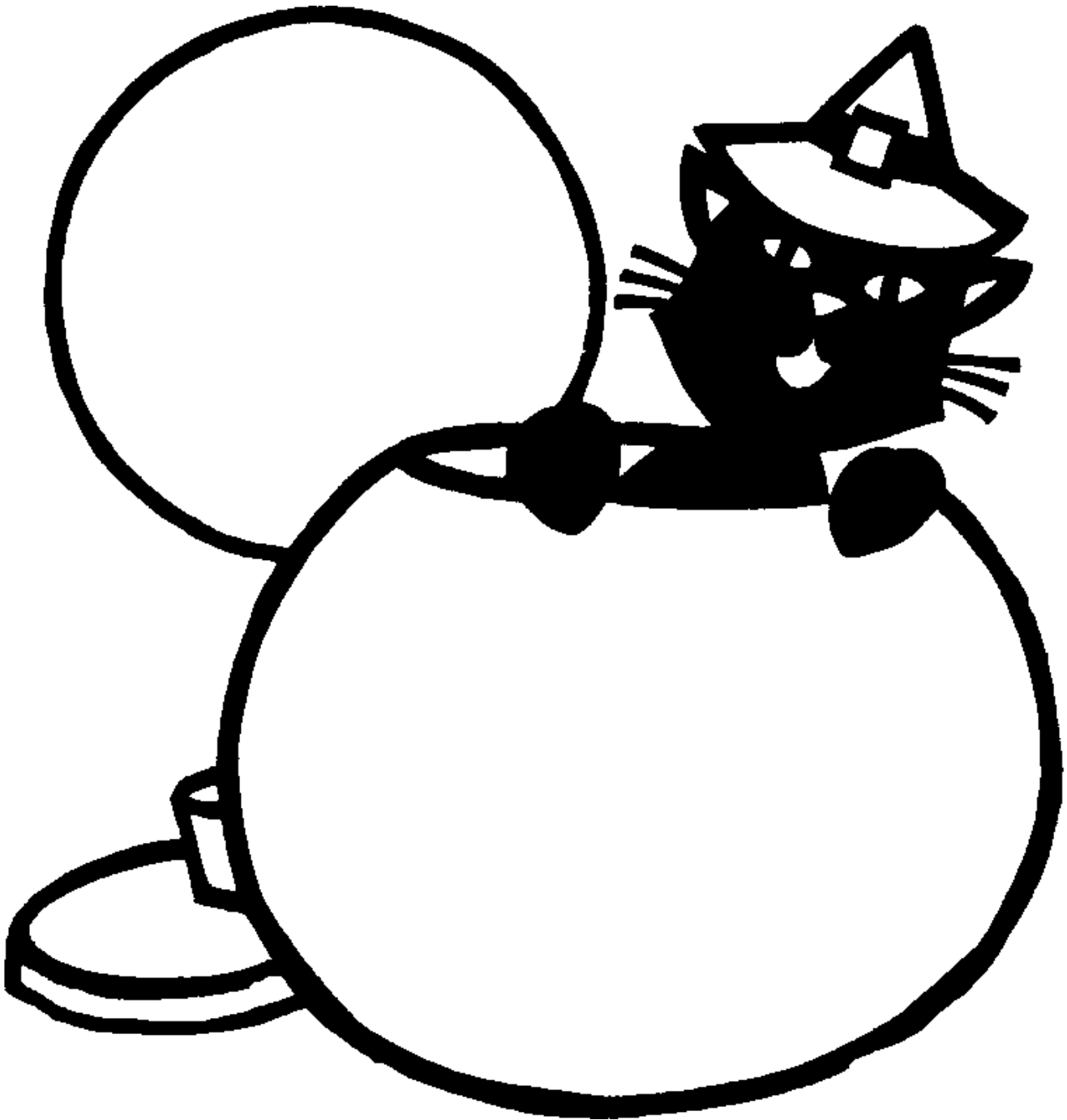
Make sure you bring in the boxes if it is going to rain!





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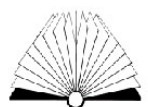
**Design your own face on this Jack-O-Lantern.**

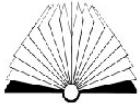




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## Colour the Picture!





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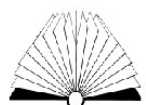
**Decorate your own Jack-O-Lantern. Use the pictures on the next page and cut and paste.**

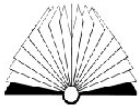
## **MAKE A JACK-O-LANTERN**

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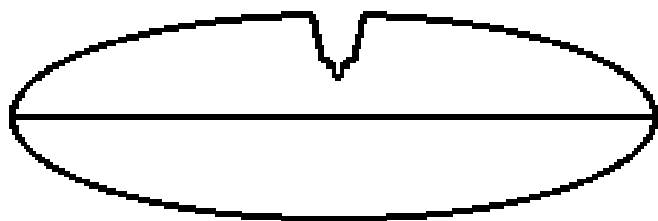
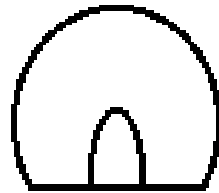
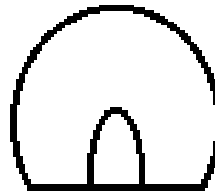
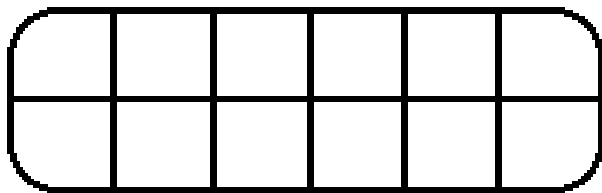
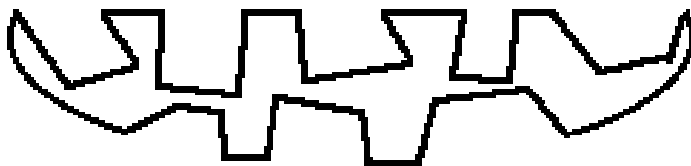
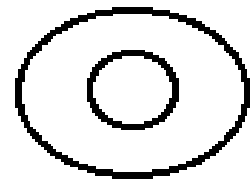
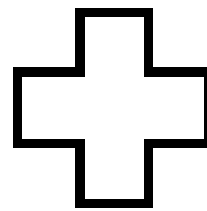
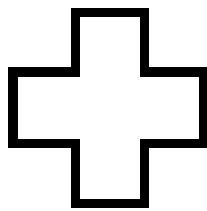
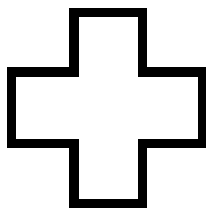
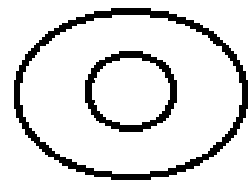


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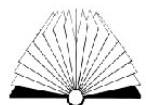


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| moon  | witch  |

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## Halloween Fun Word Search

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| black     | scare    |
| broom     | skeleton |
| cat       | spider   |
| costumes  | spirits  |
| ghosts    | spooky   |
| halloween | vampire  |
| hoot      | witch    |
| monster   |          |
| moon      |          |
| mummy     |          |
| night     |          |
| owl       |          |

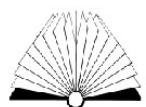


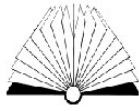
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p j c o s t u m e s k
i n k w a s c a t p i
r s k e l e t o n i n
e j e e m u m m y d f
i m o n s t e r q e v
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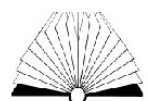
# Tricky Halloween Word Search



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



|          |           |                |
|----------|-----------|----------------|
| bat      | ghosts    | scary          |
| black    | goblins   | skeleton       |
| bones    | halloween | spider         |
| broom    | haunted   | spirits        |
| caldron  | monster   | spooky         |
| cat      | moon      | trick or treat |
| costumes | mummy     | vampire        |
| creepy   | night     | werewolf       |
| dracula  | owl       | witch          |
| frighten | pumpkin   | zombie         |





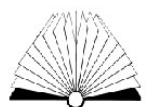
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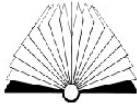
Fit all the words into this puzzle below

BOO  
 CAT  
 BAT  
 GHOST  
 TREAT  
 WITCH  
 TRICK  
 SPIDER  
 BLACK  
 HAUNTED  
 PUMPKIN  
 VAMPIRE  
 COSTUME  
 SKELETON  
 HALLOWEEN

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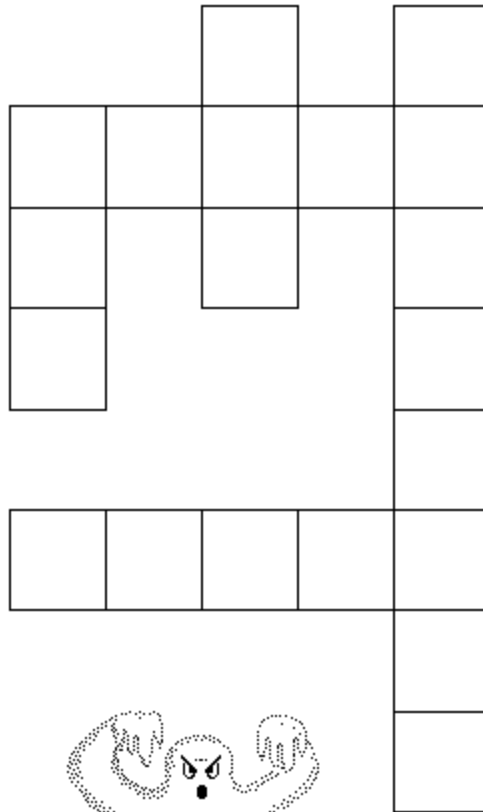


# Halloween Crossword

Fit all the words into this puzzle below

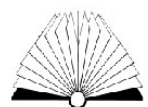


BOO  
BAT  
BLACK  
GHOST  
SKELETON



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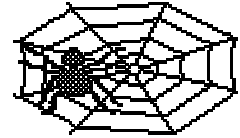
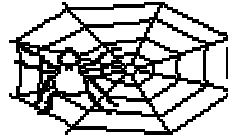
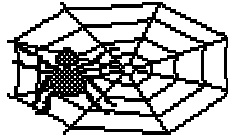
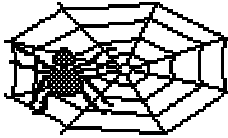
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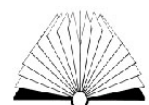


# WHICH ONE IS DIFFERENT?

Circle the picture that is different in each row.



*By Back Matter 1996*





# HELP THE WITCH!

Help the witch break the code and reveal what ingredient she needs next.



|    |    |    |    |  |  |
|----|----|----|----|--|--|
| 5  | 25 | 5  |    |  |  |
| 15 |    | 6  |    |  |  |
| 14 | 5  | 23 | 20 |  |  |

**A B C D E F G H I J**

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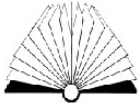
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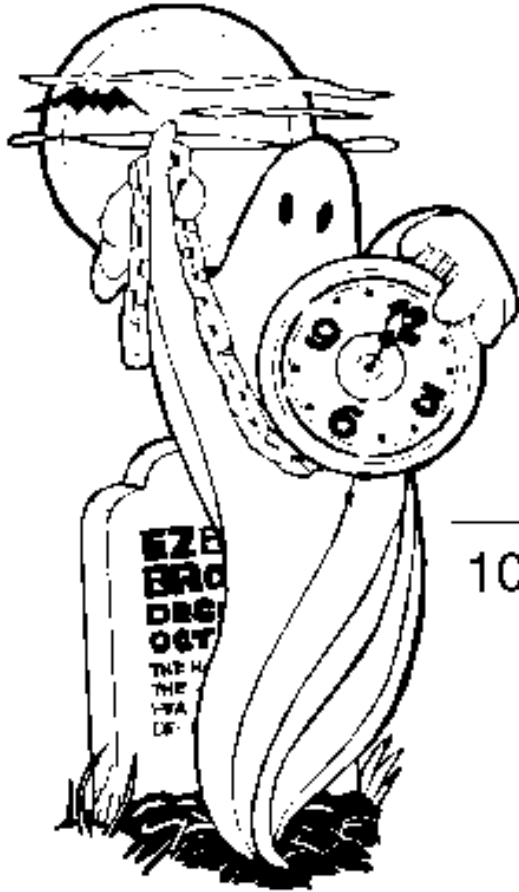
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# HELP THE GHOST!

Help the ghost break the code and reveal what time it is.



20 9 26 7

25 22 5

10 16 22 22 11 6

25 15 14

**A B C D E F G H I J**

12 2 21 4 7 25 18 8 9 19

**K L M N O P Q R S T**

11 23 26 14 22 16 17 5 10 20

**U V W X Y Z**

15 3 1 24 6 13

