



# Halloween

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# HALLOWEEN



pumpkin



mummy



skeleton



witch



monster



vampire



werewolf



ghost



spider



coffin



broom



costumes



cauldron



graveyard



bat



trick or  
treat



haunted  
house





# HAPPY HALLOWEEN

Read the following text about Halloween

Halloween is a traditional celebration held on October 31st. Today, Halloween is an excuse for Halloween theme costume parties, and entertainment with horror films, haunted houses and other activities around the popular themes of ghosts, witches, Dracula, werewolves and the supernatural. Children love to dress up in Halloween costumes and go from door-to-door in their neighborhood following the old tradition of trick-or-treating, collecting sweets and gifts, sometimes money. Originally Halloween was a pagan festival, around the idea of linking the living with the dead, when contact became possible between the spirits and the physical world, and magical things were more likely to happen. Halloween is usually celebrated by both adults and kids. Some families celebrate by having costume parties and playing special games like bobbing for apples and telling ghost stories. Sometimes children go "trick or treating" - knocking on doors in their trusted neighborhoods collecting candy. Many people also make lamps out of pumpkins. They cut faces into the side and put a candle inside, then they hang them outside their houses. People used to believe that it would scare away bad spirits and ghosts. Schools usually prefer to celebrate Halloween by having children dress as storybook characters. In this way, children are still allowed to "dress up" and the holiday becomes both fun and educational.



When do we celebrate Halloween?

What people usually do for Halloween?

How do the children celebrate Halloween at school?

And how people celebrate Halloween in your country?





# MY FIRST HALLOWEEN!



**E** Complete the text with the suitable Halloween words.



This is the story of a group of friends who were celebrating Halloween. They had already decorated their houses with (1)\_\_\_\_\_, skeletons, spider webs and even a fake (2)\_\_\_\_\_. They were all very happy because it was Halloween and they all had dressed up with wonderful costumes: (3)\_\_\_\_\_, (4)\_\_\_\_\_, (5)\_\_\_\_\_, (6)\_\_\_\_\_, (7)\_\_\_\_\_, (8)\_\_\_\_\_ and so on. They also had a (9)\_\_\_\_\_, a bag to fill in with a lot of (10)\_\_\_\_\_. The witch also had a (11)\_\_\_\_\_ and a (12)\_\_\_\_\_. This group of friends were all ready to celebrate Halloween. As usual, they were going to ask for sweets but this year, they found something more interesting to do. They discovered an abandoned house, and they decided to go there. They first saw a (13)\_\_\_\_\_, that maybe could give them bad luck, so they decided to come back, but they had already got into the house and they couldn't go out. They were trapped. In that house, it was a very strange atmosphere, like if very strange phenomena had happened there. They saw a big (14)\_\_\_\_\_ hanging on the wall and also they heard voices. When they realized something very big was going downstairs. They all were very scared. Finally, John, -the bravest of them all- said, it's only a (15)\_\_\_\_\_. When they had realized, someone had turned on the lights and said: Happy Halloween! Boys found Madame Duval going downstairs. They hadn't realized that it was her house, but she had decorated it so that it seemed to be abandoned! It was a great surprise!

## WORDS:

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|-----------------|----------------|
| HALLOWEEN       | VAMPIRE        |
| BAT             | WITCH          |
| MUMMY           | BROOM          |
| FAIRY           | DEVIL          |
| COSTUME         | CANDY          |
| PUMPKIN         | SCARY          |
| MONSTER         | TRICK-OR-TREAT |
| JACK-O'-LANTERN | CAULDRON       |
| SKELETON        | TOMB           |
| SPIDER          | BLACK CAT      |







# HALLOWEEN Quiz

**1** An animal that symbolizes evil and bad luck and is witch's pet.

a) bat  
b) owl  
c) black cat



**2** A hollowed out pumpkin with a face cut in one side and a candle put inside.

a) Jack-o-lantern  
b) Tom-o-lantern  
c) Miss Pumpkin



**3** A small creature that catches insects in a web.

a) rat  
b) spider  
c) frog



**4** A monster that goes out of control and is dangerous.

a) Frankenstein  
b) Spiderman  
c) Harry Potter



**5** A large round metal container used for cooking over fire.

a) pan  
b) pot  
c) cauldron



**6** A pointed covering for the head that witches wear.

a) witch hat  
b) witch cap  
c) witch crown



**7** Sweet food made of sugar.

a) cake  
b) candies  
c) biscuits



**8** Nocturnal small animals that look like mice with wings.

a) bats  
b) rats  
c) owls



**9** A spirit of a dead person represented as a pale, transparent image.

a) skeleton  
b) mummy  
c) ghost



**10** A woman with evil magic powers.

a) witch  
b) wizard  
c) fairy



**11** Large round vegetables with hard orange skin.

a) eggplants  
b) courgette  
c) pumpkins



**12** A typical Halloween character that is a vampire.

a) Werewolf  
b) Dracula  
c) Troll



**13** A frame of bones that supports a human body.

a) ghost  
b) zombie  
c) skeleton



**14** Children dress up frightening costumes and visit people's homes to demand sweets.

a) trick or treat  
b) apple bobbing  
c) strolling



**15** A brush on the end of a long handle that witches use to fly.

a) wire brush  
b) broom  
c) mop



**16** A representation of a dead person.

a) death  
b) goblin  
c) zombie



**17** A large grave, built of stone.

a) coffin  
b) sarcophagus  
c) tomb



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# A Ghost Story



## Chapter 1

\_\_\_\_\_ you \_\_\_\_\_ (believe) in ghosts?  
Ghosts \_\_\_\_\_ (live) everywhere and they  
\_\_\_\_\_ (be) invisible. Well, let me tell you  
what \_\_\_\_\_ (happen) to me last  
year. I \_\_\_\_\_ (sleep) soundly in my  
warm, cozy bed, when all of a sudden I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (hear) a strange sound. What  
\_\_\_\_\_ (be) that? I \_\_\_\_\_ (be) scared.  
Maybe it was my dog, Morty making that  
noise. But no, Morty \_\_\_\_\_ (lie) right  
outside my bedroom door on his favorite  
rug. He \_\_\_\_\_ even \_\_\_\_\_ (snore)  
loudly. Someone \_\_\_\_\_ (knock) on  
the front door!

## Chapter 3

The night was very dark. Oh no! Someone  
or something \_\_\_\_\_ (moan)  
downstairs while \_\_\_\_\_ (drag) a chain  
around the living room. It must be a ghost!  
No, impossible. And what was that? The  
dogs outside \_\_\_\_\_ (howl) and then I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (see) something move in front of  
me. A voice \_\_\_\_\_ (say): Don't be  
scared. I think I \_\_\_\_\_ (imagine)  
things at the moment. The wind  
\_\_\_\_\_ (blow) very fiercely. So it was  
the wind. I \_\_\_\_\_ (go) back to  
bed right now and I am going to hide  
under the covers. There is nothing to be  
afraid of. This is not real.

## Chapter 2

But it \_\_\_\_\_ (not/be) the right time. I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (start) to shiver and I \_\_\_\_\_  
(see) a flash of light outside. It \_\_\_\_\_  
(not/rain) at the moment, so it couldn't be a  
thunder storm. Now I \_\_\_\_\_ (shake) in  
terror. Ghosts \_\_\_\_\_ (never/show up) at  
my house. This is crazy! It was 3 o'clock in  
the morning. Who was at the front door, I  
wondered. OK let's think straight. Ghosts  
\_\_\_\_\_ (not/exist) in real life. Ghosts  
\_\_\_\_\_ (live) only in stories. They \_\_\_\_\_  
(haunt) castles, but they \_\_\_\_\_  
(not/appear) in real people's houses. They  
(not/make) \_\_\_\_\_ noises now- I hope.

## Chapter 4

Calm down! Now I \_\_\_\_\_ (remember)  
a scary story the teacher \_\_\_\_\_ (read) to  
us in school yesterday. It was all about  
ghosts and goblins. So I am dreaming about  
that ghost story- this isn't real. However,  
the strange noises continued. OK, so  
something \_\_\_\_\_ (go) on at the  
moment. Then my mother suddenly  
\_\_\_\_\_ (come) into my bedroom, both  
of us \_\_\_\_\_ (hear) the sound of dragging  
chains and ghostly moans again and \_\_\_\_\_  
(see) flashes of lightning in the sky. We both  
\_\_\_\_\_ (scream) loudly. I almost  
\_\_\_\_\_ (jump) out of my skin. And then I  
\_\_\_\_\_ (wake) up- it \_\_\_\_\_ (be) only a  
nightmare! Whew!



## Chapter One

Do you **believe** (believe) in ghosts? Ghosts **live** (live) everywhere and they **are** (be) invisible. Well, let me tell you what **happened** (happen) to me last year. I **was sleeping** (sleep) soundly in my warm, cozy bed, when all of a sudden I **heard** (hear) a strange sound. What **was** (be) that? I **was** (be) scared. Maybe it was my dog, Morty making that noise. But no, Morty **was lying** (lie) right outside my bedroom door on his favorite rug. He **was even snoring** (snore) loudly. Someone **was knocking** (knock) on the front door!

## Chapter 2

But it **wasn't** (not/be) the right time. I **started** (start) to shiver and I **saw** (see) a flash of light outside. It **wasn't/isn't raining** (not/rain) at the moment, so it couldn't be a thunder storm. Now I **was shaking** (shake) in terror. Ghosts **never show up** (never/show up) at my house. This is crazy! It was 3 o'clock in the morning. Who was at the front door, I wondered. OK let's think straight. Ghosts **don't exist** (not/exist) in real life. Ghosts **live** (live) only in stories. They **haunt** (haunt) castles, but they **don't appear** (not/appear) in real people's houses. They (not/make) **aren't making** noises now- I hope.

## Chapter 3

The night was very dark. Oh no! Someone or something **was moaning** (moan) downstairs while **dragging** (drag) a chain around the living room. It must be a ghost! No, impossible. And what was that? The dogs outside **were howling** (howl) and then I **saw** (see) something move in front of me. A voice **said** (say): Don't be scared. I think I **am imagining** (imagine) things at the moment. The wind **was blowing** (blow) very fiercely. So it was the wind. I **am going** (go) back to bed right now and I am going to hide under the covers. There is nothing to be afraid of. This is not real.

## Chapter 4

Calm down! Now I **remember** (remember) a scary story the teacher **read** (read) to us in school yesterday. It was all about ghosts and goblins. So I am dreaming about that ghost story- this isn't real. However, the strange noises continued. OK, so something **is going** (go) on at the moment. Then my mother suddenly **came** (come) into my bedroom, both of us **heard** (hear) the sound of dragging chains and ghostly moans again and **saw** (see) flashes of lightning in the sky. We both **screamed** (scream) loudly. I almost **jumped** (jump) out of my skin. And then I **woke** (wake) up- it **was** (be) only a nightmare! Whew!