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**7 decodable mini-books
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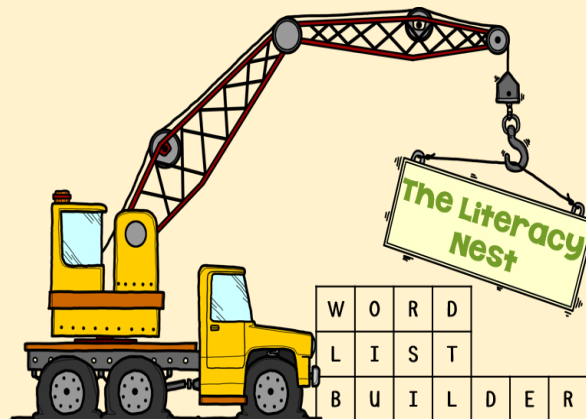
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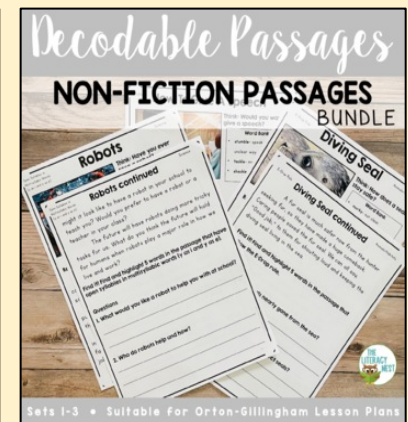
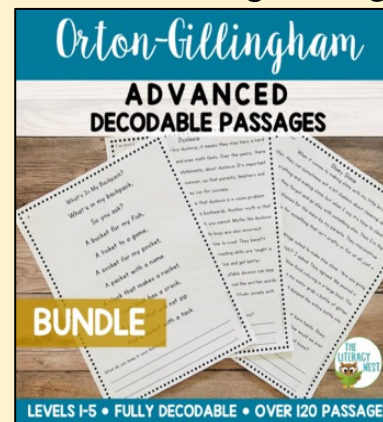
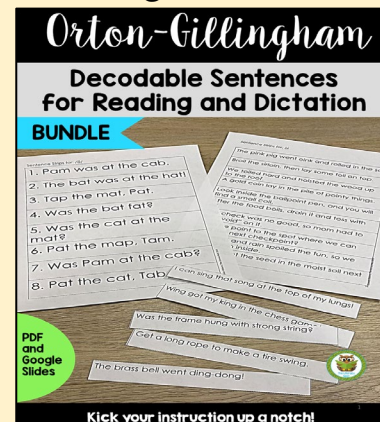
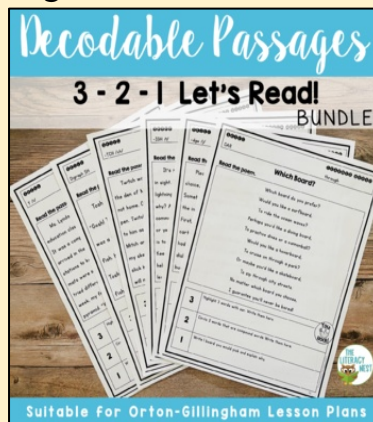
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Thank you for your purchase! This is a set of 8 decodable mini books. You will need to print, assemble and staple them into books prior to use. They follow a structured progression based on the [sequence](#) I use to create my O-G resources. Each book will feature a culmination of skills and concepts. Please refer to the table of contents to see which skills are addressed in each book.

These stories are slightly spooky, but they won't be too scary for your younger readers. They're a fun seasonal activity that will reinforce decoding skills.

Since using pictures to guess or read an unknown word is NOT following the science of reading, but rather a compensatory habit, I took special care not to include pictures that readers could use to guess at words. Instead, I've included a photo or clip art that is based on the title of the book. Additionally, I had added empty boxes on pages, so your students may briefly sketch or illustrate what they visualized as they read. This is a good way to check their comprehension!

You will find comprehension questions on the back page of each mini-book. I hope you enjoy using these just as much as I enjoyed writing them for your students and mine!

Happy reading!

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Skills: CVC

Red words: the, was, there, said

Question: What are two things the bat had fun with in the story?



A BAT IN THE FOG

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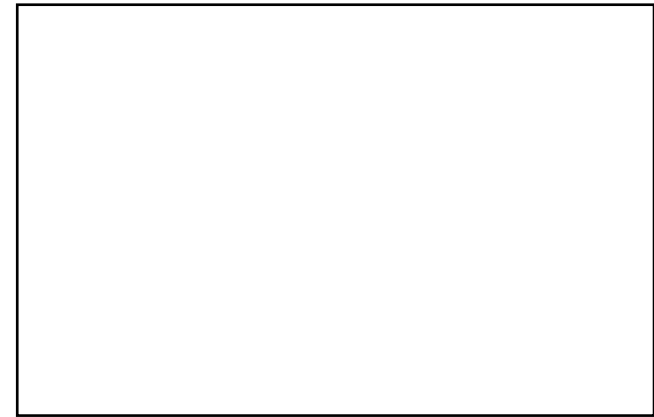
In the fog, there was a bat.



The bat was tan and fat.



It was dim. The bat had fun.



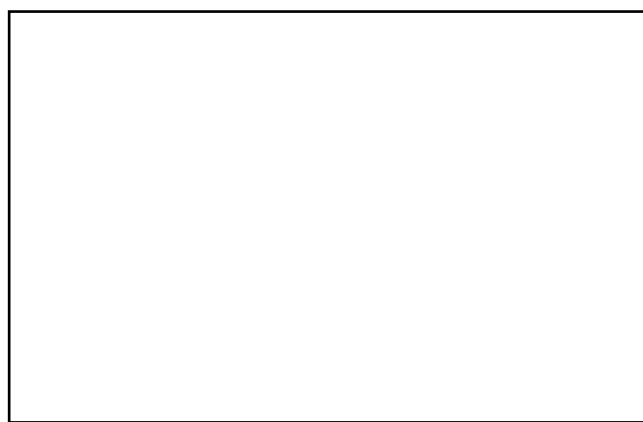
The bat had fun in a hat.



The bat had fun with a cat.



In the fog, the bat got a bag.



The bag had red gum.



“Gum! Yum!” said the bat
in the fog.

Skills: initial and final consonant blends

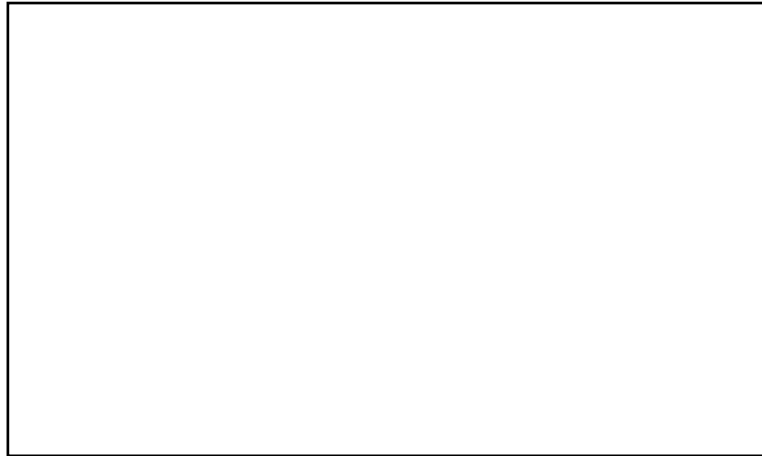
Red words: the, was, said, put, gone

Question: What was the problem with the mask?

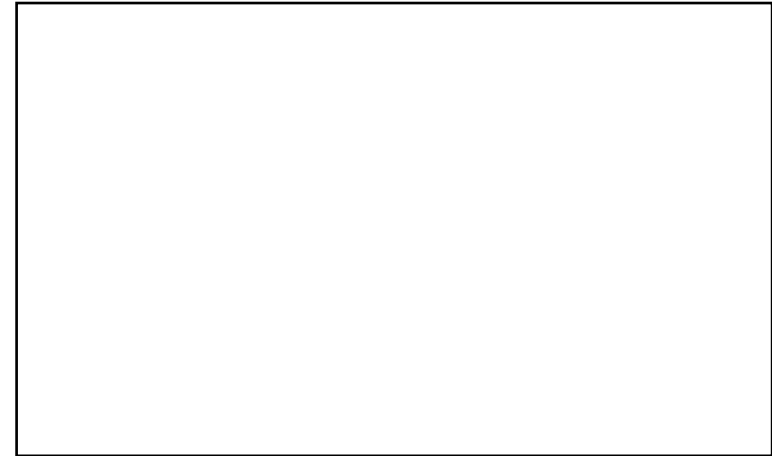


THE MASK WITH A SPELL

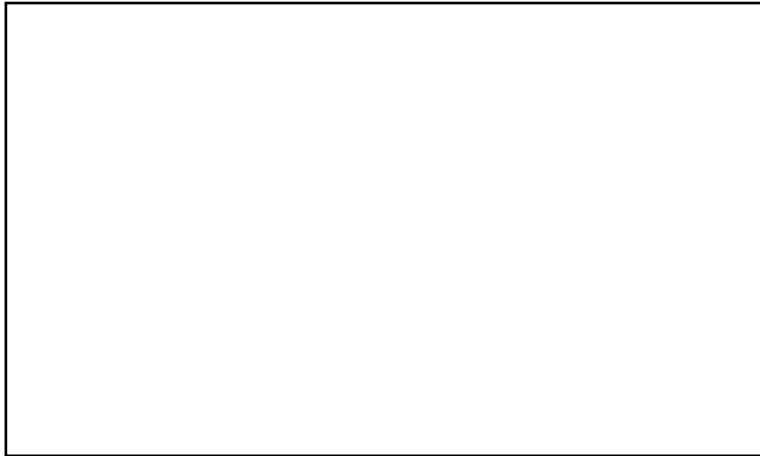
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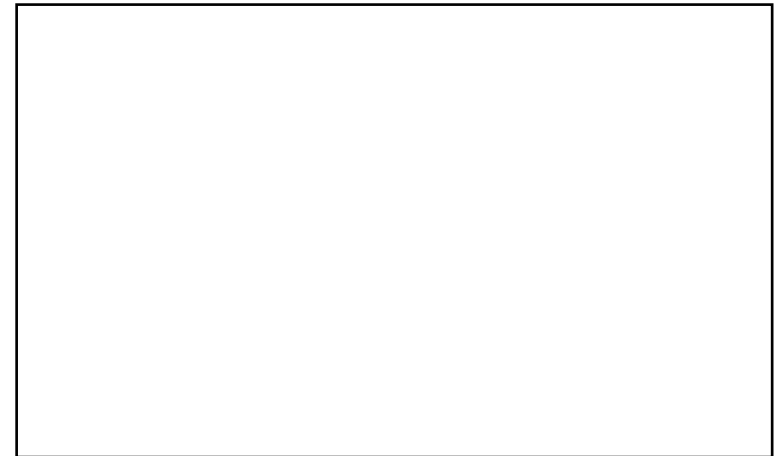
Tiff got a mask in a shop.



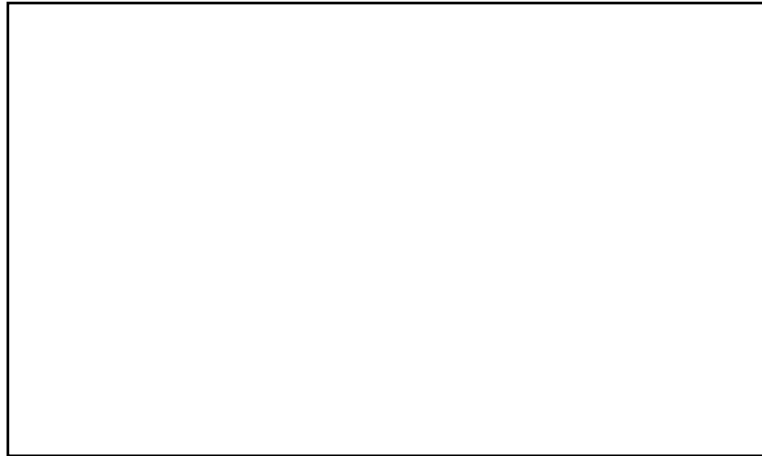
The mask had a spell.



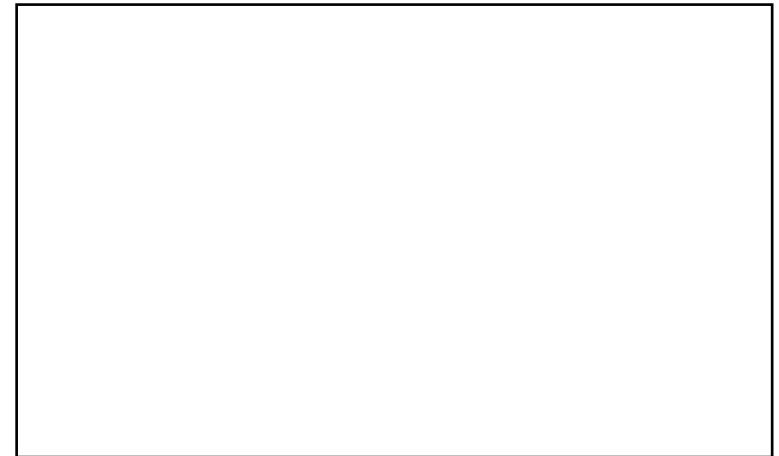
Tiff went to grab the mask.
She put it on.



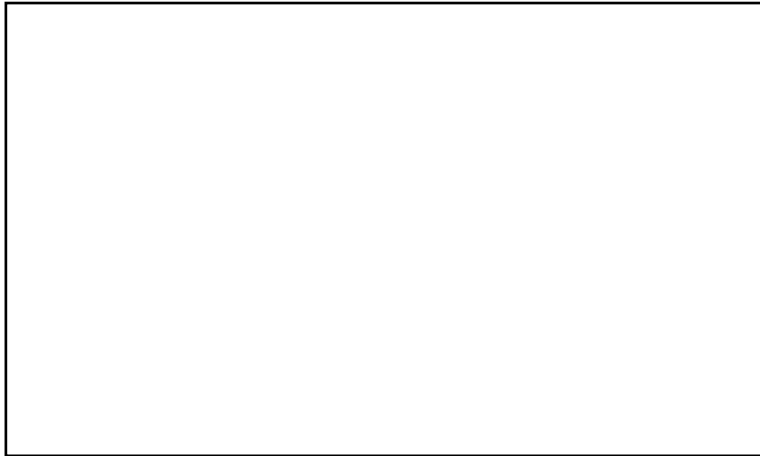
She felt a chill on her back.
The spell was on Tiff!



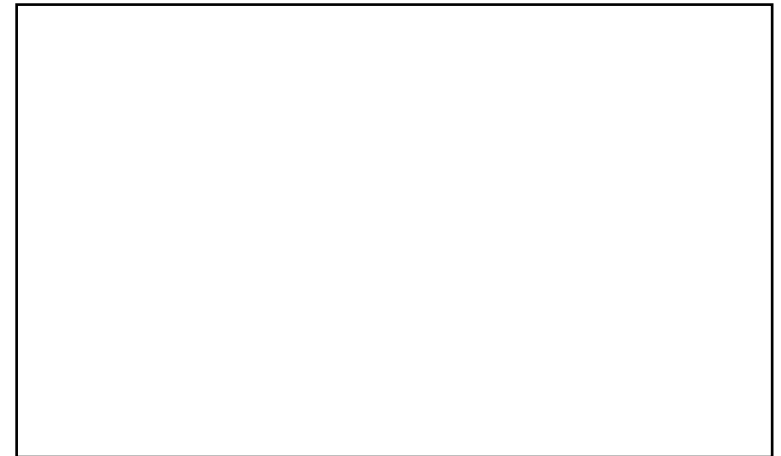
Tiff said, "This mask must
have a grim spell!"



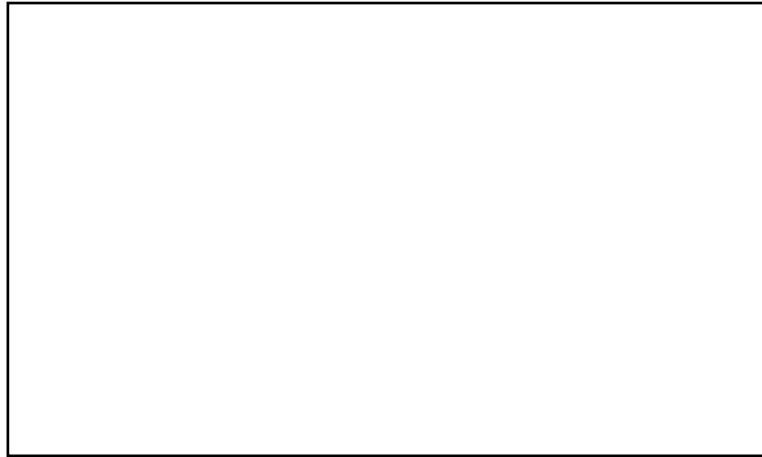
She went to tug the mask.
It did not come off! Tiff
wept and said, "Help!"



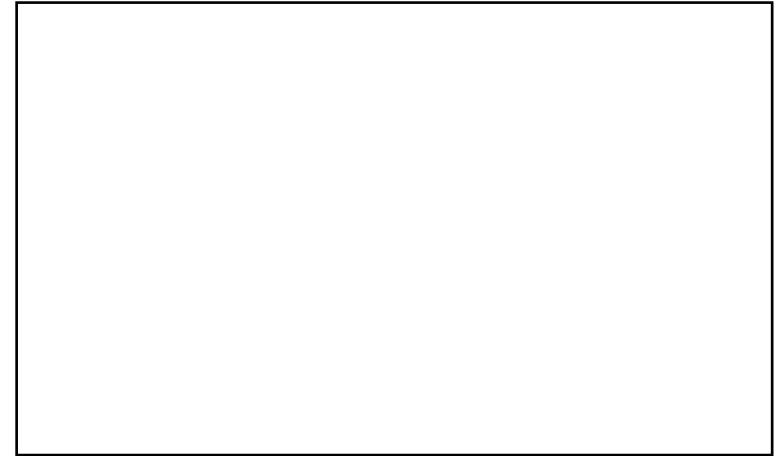
Tiff's pal, Beth ran up to Tiff. She went to grab the mask and POP! Off it went.



"That mask had a grim spell on it, Tiff!" said Beth. "Let's get rid of it fast!"



Tiff and Beth put the mask with the spell in a bag. The pals went on a trip to a bog.



“I will drop that bad mask in this bog!” said Tiff. The mask with the spell was gone.

Skills: VCe

Red words: the, was, there, said, one, from, they

Question: What advice would you give Nate?



A BONE ON THE STONE

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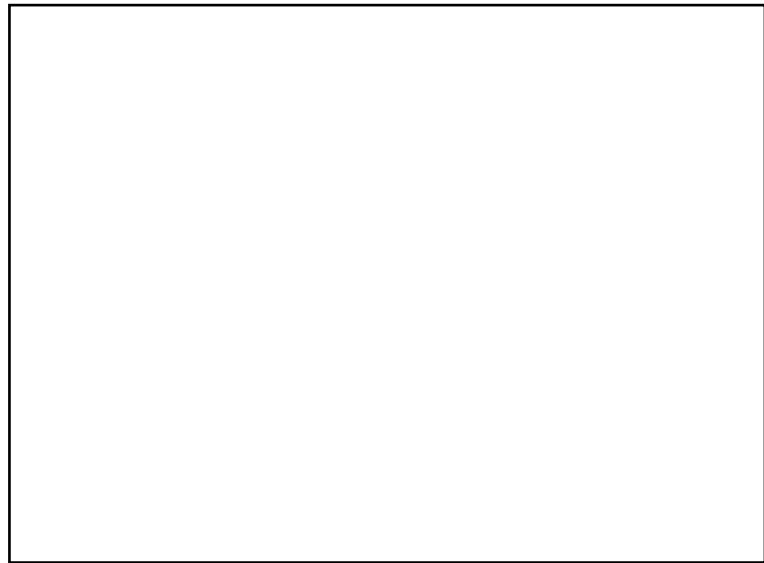
On the eve of Halloween,
Nate went on a bike ride.

Nate's bike tire hit a stone.
The stone made the tire flat.

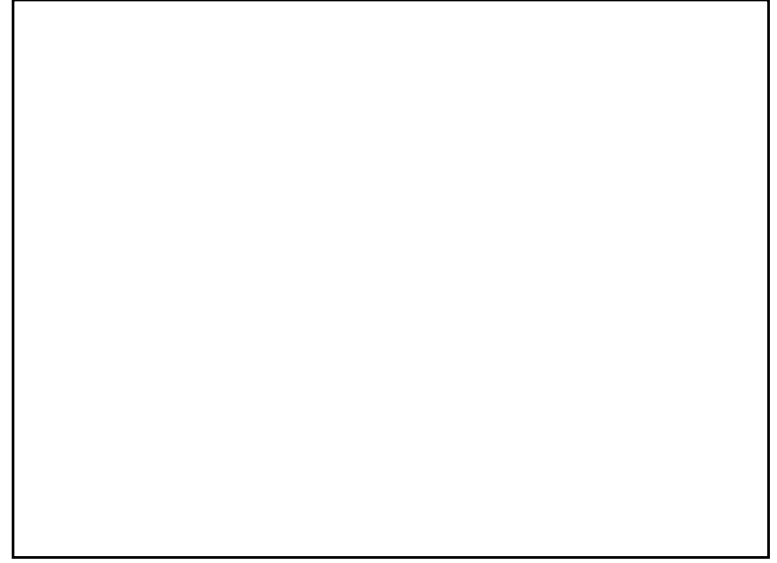


Nate went to jog, but he had to check on his bike one last time. The big stone was not a stone.

“This stone is a grave!” said Nate. He had to take a step back. Nate felt a chill. By the stone grave was a white bone.



“Is that bone from this stone grave?” Just then, a skull crept past Nate. It sat by the white bone.



“This is TOO grim!” wept Nate. He ran home that eve of Halloween.



The next time Nate went to get his bike, he had Dad with him. They went to the stone grave. "This is the spot, Dad." said Nate.

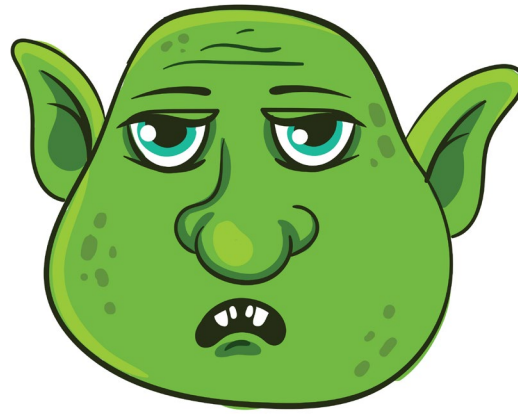
But the stone was not a grave. The bone and the skull were gone. Nate felt a chill. "It was just a bad trick," said Dad.

Skills: Syllable Division VC/CV, VCC/CV and VC/CVCe

Red words: the, was, put, said

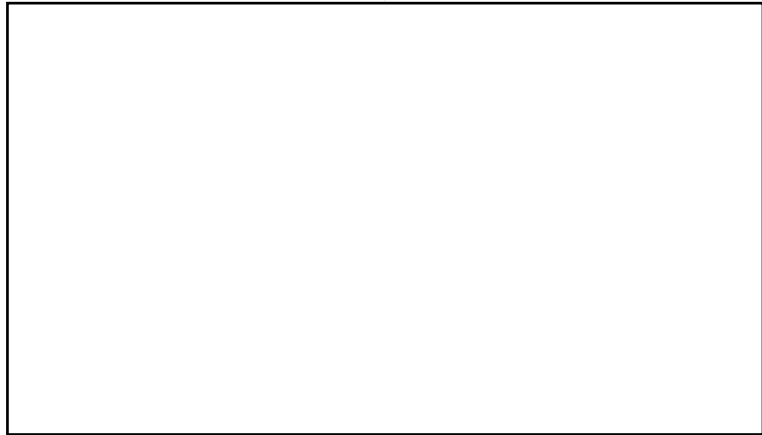
Question: Why was Vin a good vampire friend to Dustin after all?

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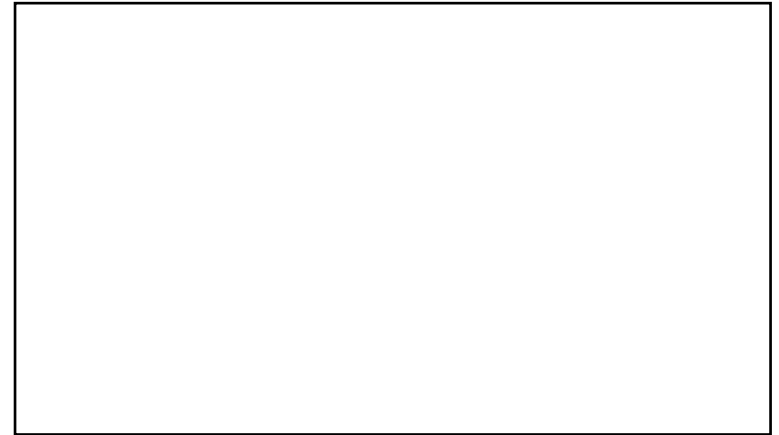
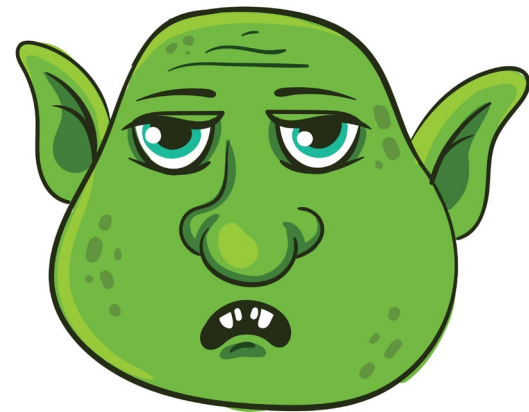


THE GOBLIN AND THE VAMPIRE

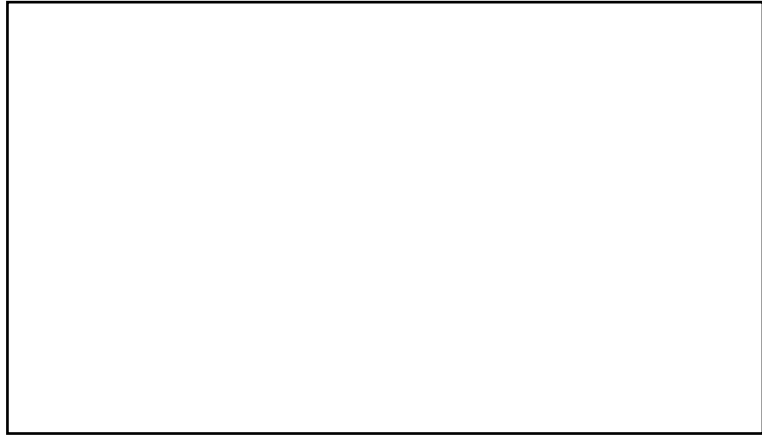
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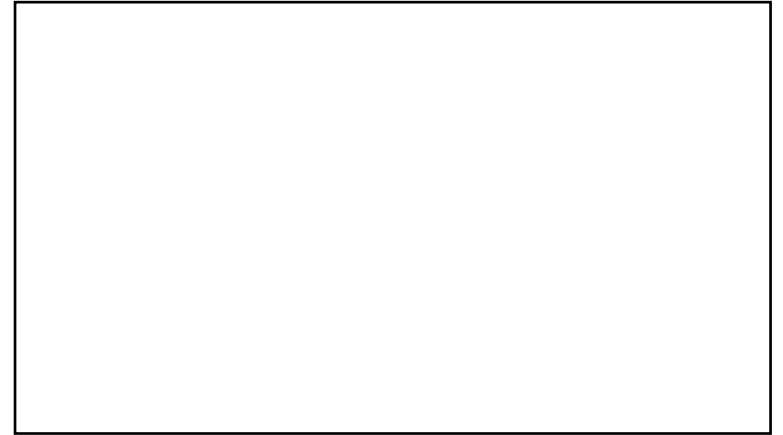
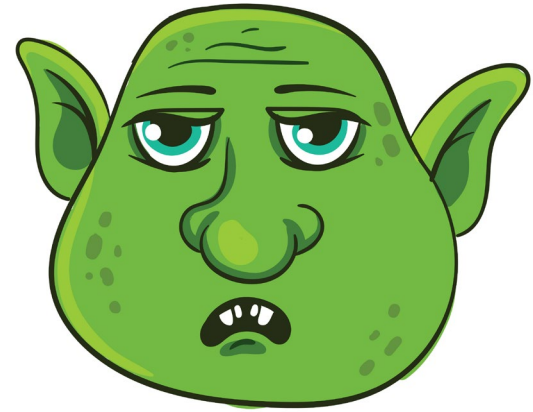
Vin the vampire woke in his casket. He gave the cobwebs on his coffin a brush with his hand. He put on a black cape.



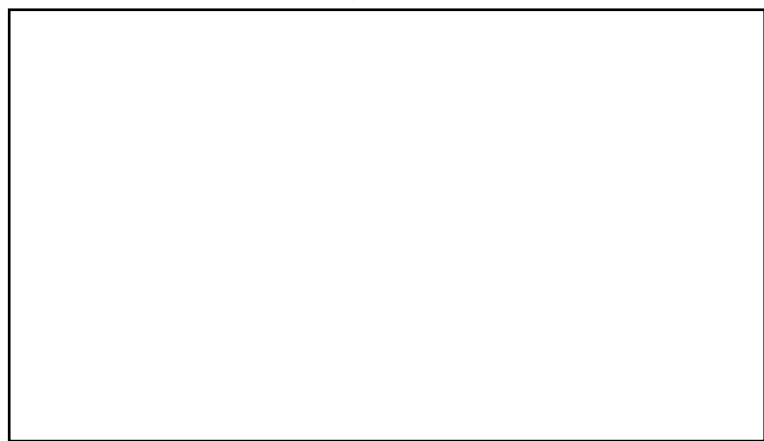
Vin the vampire left his casket and went to get Dustin the goblin. He was in his cave with an elf costume.



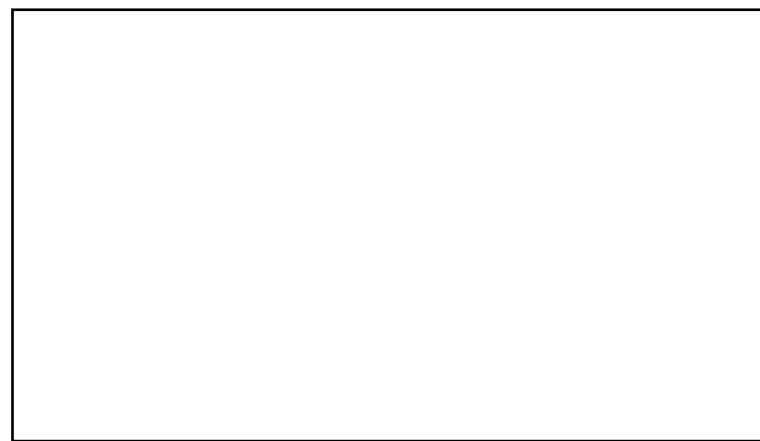
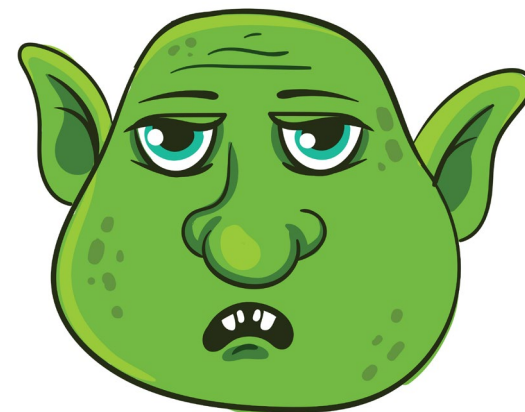
“Dustin, you are not an elf, you are a goblin,” said Vin in a grim tone. “Act like a goblin! Be a pest!”



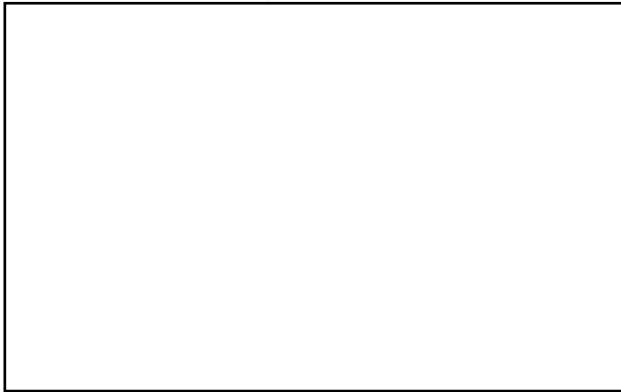
Dustin had to smile at the vampire. “Vin, I like to dress in my elf costume. You get to have a cape. I get this cute elf hat,” said Dustin.



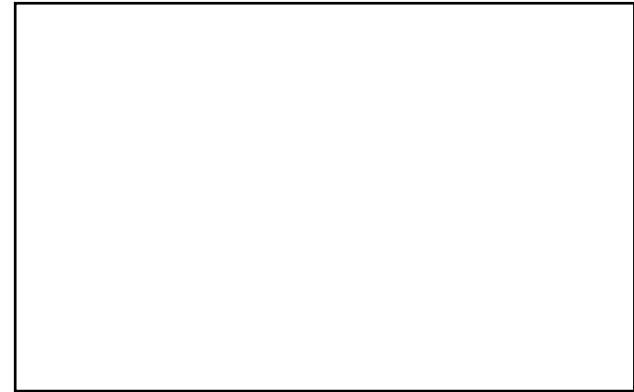
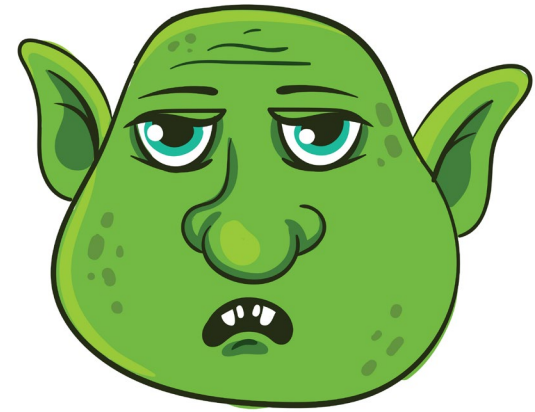
“Don’t make me shapeshift you into a pumpkin, Dustin!” said Vin in a mad tone. “You are a goblin. Act like it!” Vin was mad at Dustin.



Dustin did not wish for Vin to use a shapeshift spell on him. “I made muffins and cupcakes.” Have one!” said Dustin. Vin got a cupcake.



“These are not bad, Dustin. This cupcake is like the ones my vampire mom used to make,” said Vin with a smile. The vampire made a grab for one more cupcake.



“Dustin, if you like that elf costume and it makes you glad, that is fine,” said Vin with a grin. “You are my best vampire pal, Vin,” said Dustin the goblin elf.

Skills: Vowel Teams, Diphthong OU, R-Controlled
Vowels, Suffix -ed
Red words: t

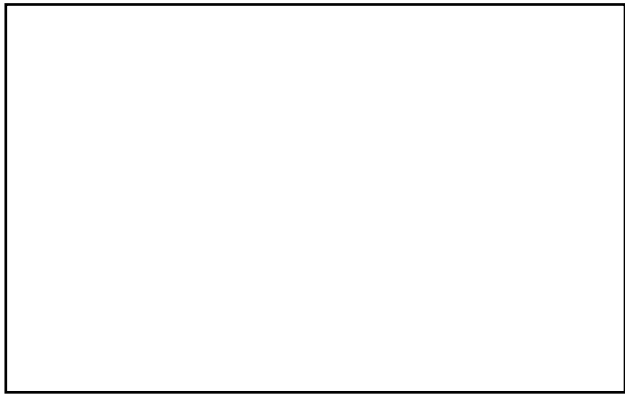
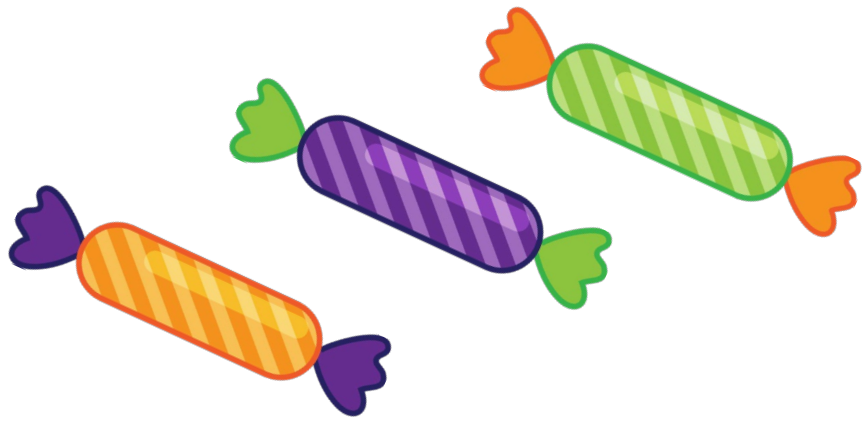
Question: What would you do with the creepy
candy?



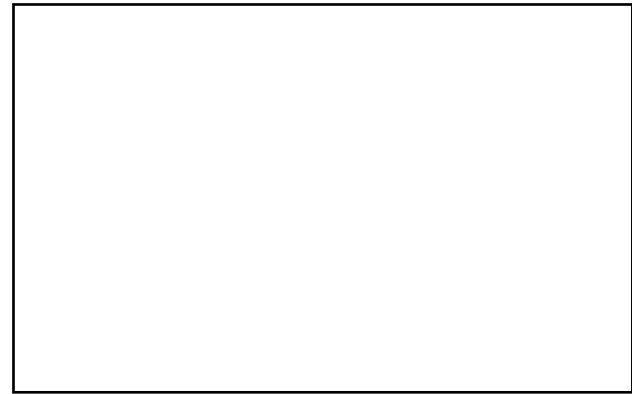
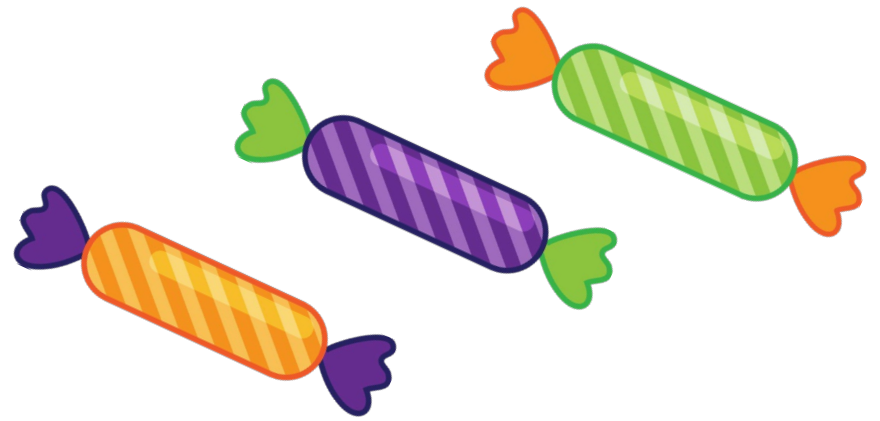
CREEPY CANDY

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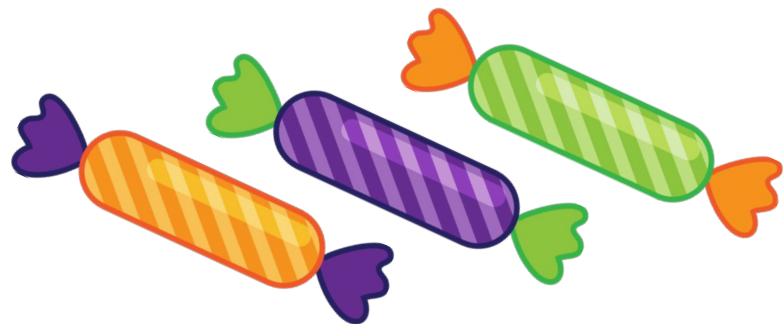
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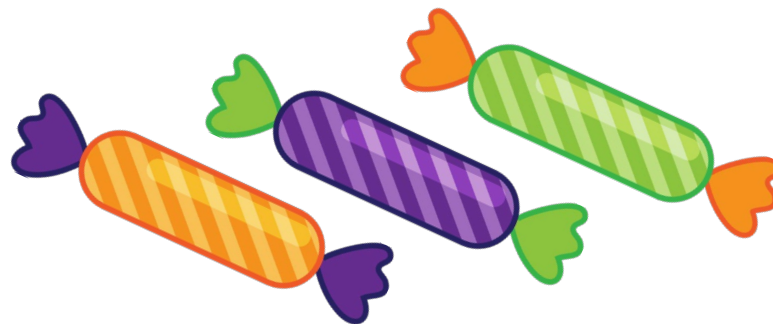
It was the day of the costume party. I set a bowl of candy on the steps outside for trick or treaters. Then I went back inside to dress in my spooky witch costume.



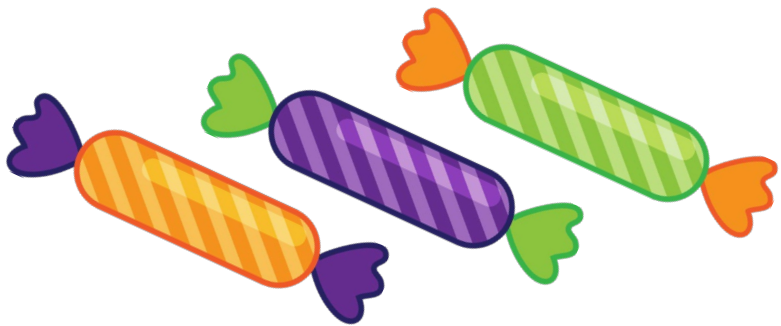
After I got my costume and witch cloak on, I painted my nails green. I put on a black hat and found my broom. Then, I went to meet Jack for the party.



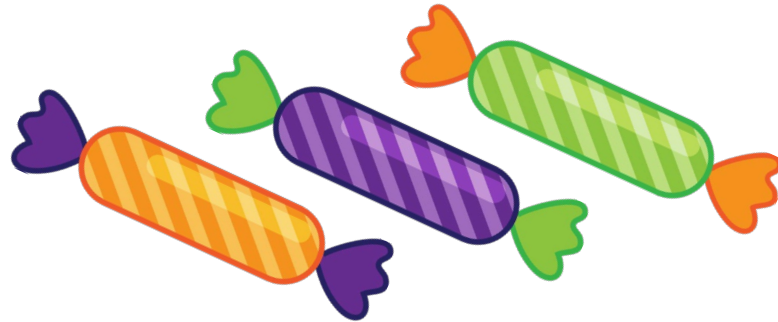
“BOO!” said a mummy with fangs. It was Jack on the porch steps. “EEK! You gave me a scare!” I shouted. Jack looked spooky. He gave me a high five and then looked at the bowl of candy.



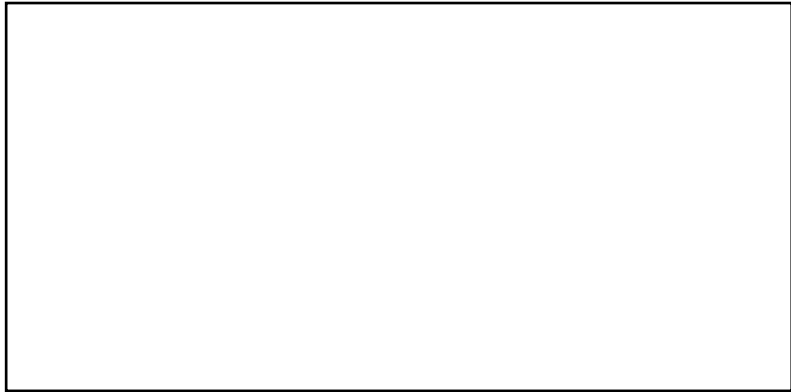
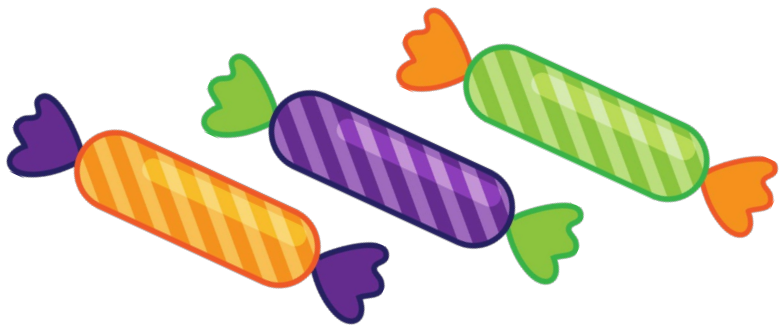
“Did you see something dark crawl in that bowl of candy just now?” asked Jack? I sat my broom down and looked at Jack. Was he nuts? I filled that candy bowl myself. It seemed fine to me.



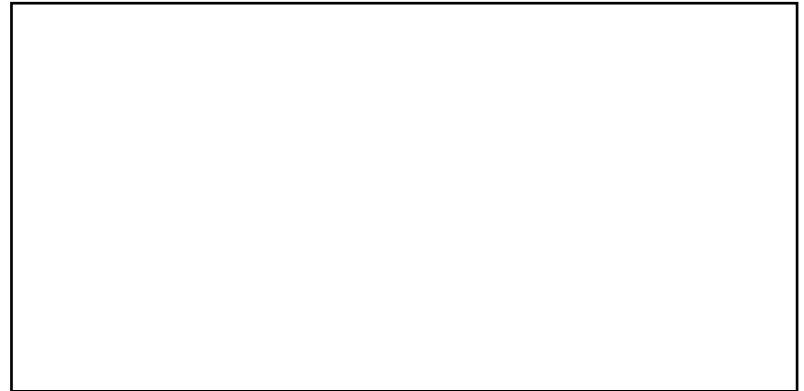
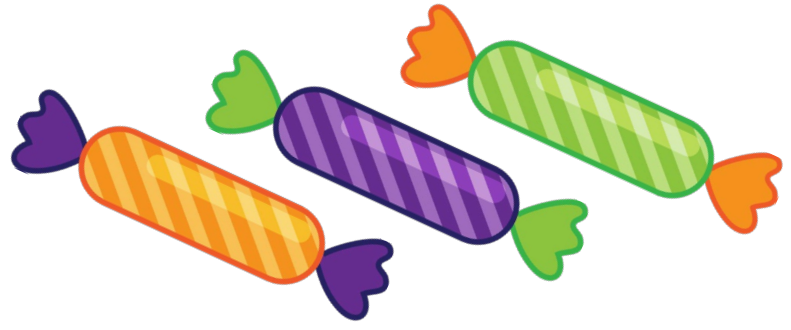
“Jack, are you trying to say my bowl of candy for trick or treaters is *creepy*?” I asked. The party was going to start soon. I did NOT need creepy candy that crawled!



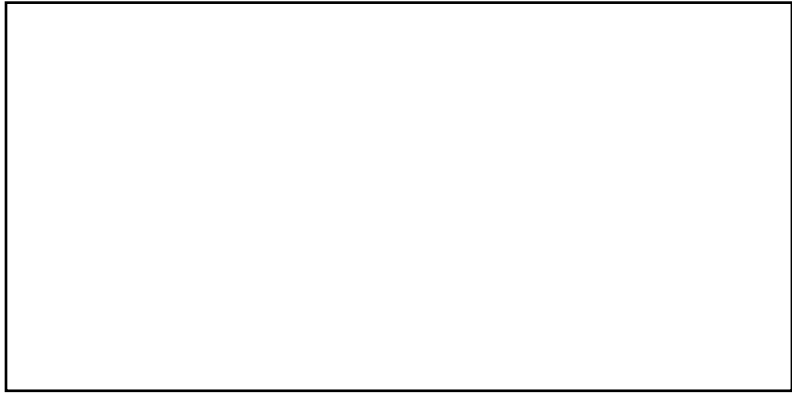
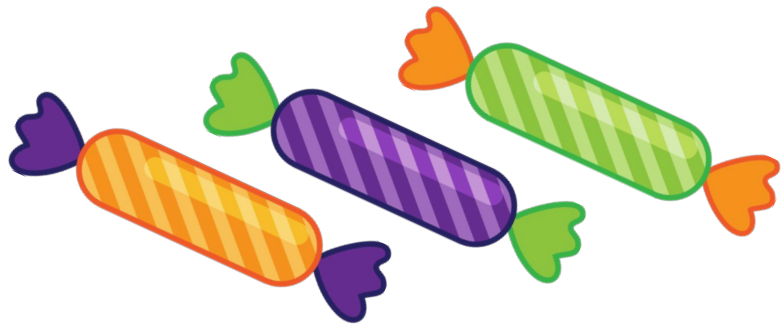
Just then, I saw it. Something dark crawled in the bowl. It made cracking sounds.
“CREEPY CANDY!” Jack and I screamed. A bowl of creepy candy was on my steps and the party was starting soon. 7



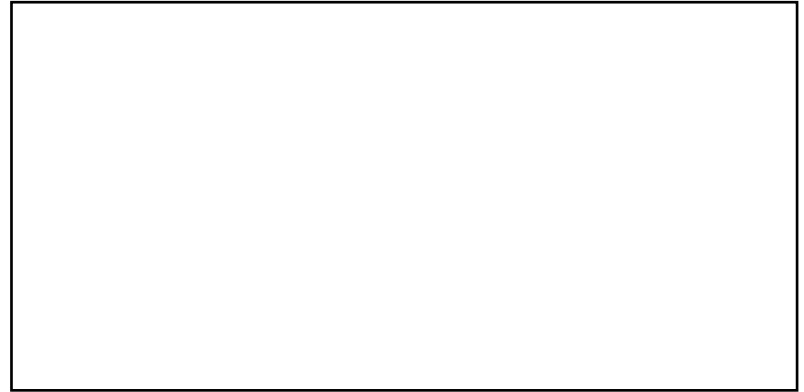
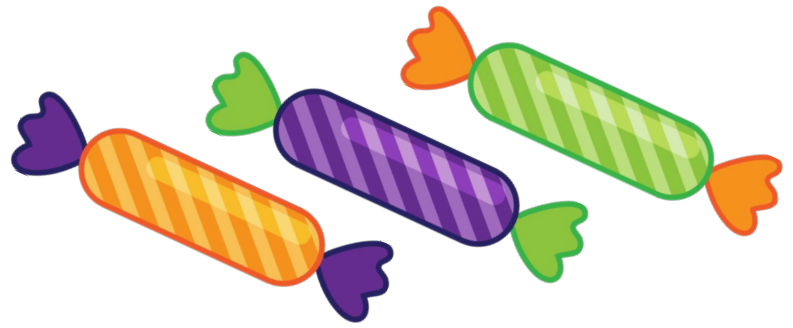
“How do we get rid of a creepy candy?” Jack said to me. His teeth chattered. Still in shock, I took off my witch cloak. I lay it on top of the creepy candy, picked up the bowl and ran down the steps.



I gave a huge toss into the trash can. I quickly put the lid on. “No more creepy candy! Now we can have a party,” I said. I went inside to grab some snacks for the trick or treaters.



Jack and I felt better. The party pals showed up in costumes shortly after. One kid dressed like a troll came in and asked, "Is something in your trash can? It's rocking back and forth."



CREEPY CANDY!

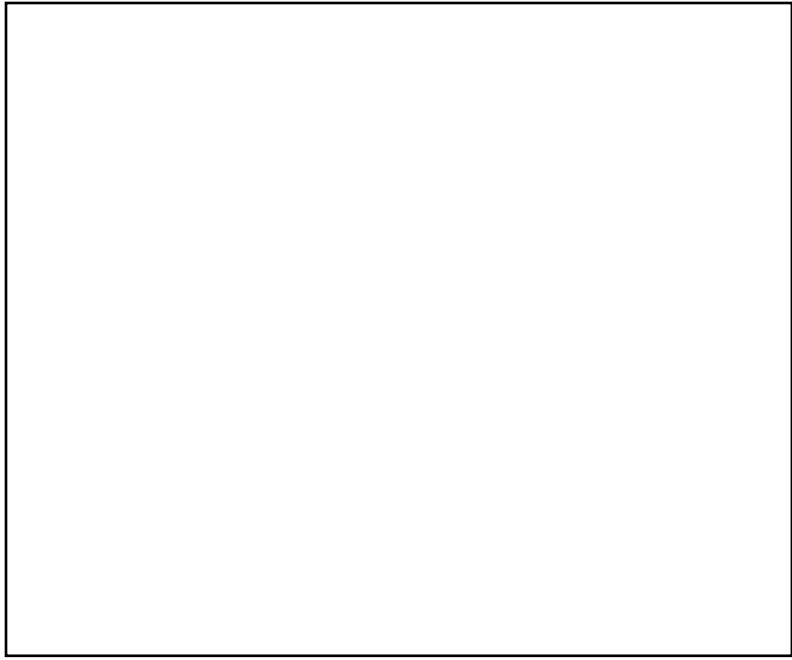
Skills: Vowel Teams, Diphthong, V/CV and VC/V
syllable division, suffixes -ed and -ing
Red words: could, couldn't, they're

Question: What did Charlie find out after he
tripped and fell?



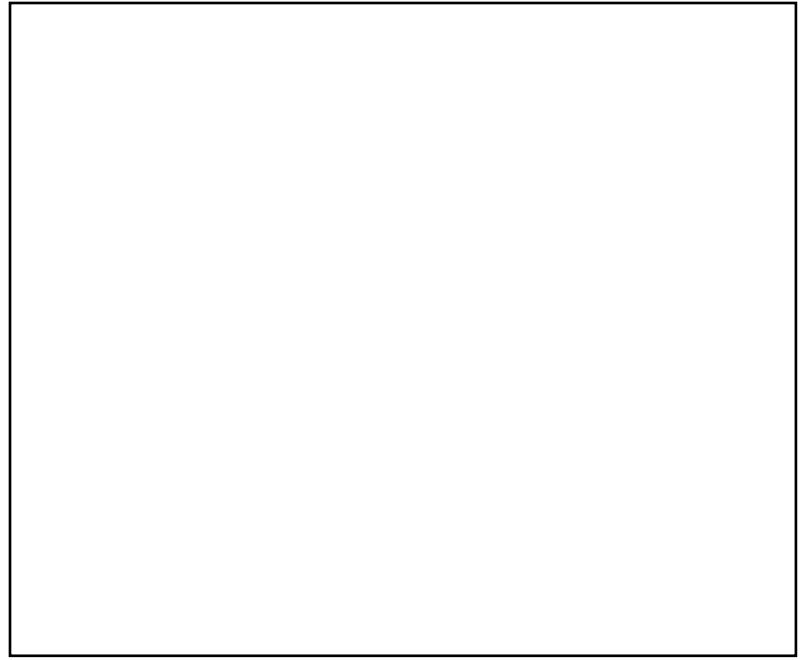
ZOMBIE SHADOW

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“Zombies aren’t real. They’re only in haunted stories,” informed Charlie. He was dressed as a ghost.

“Well, I think they are real,” said Marley. She couldn’t decide on a costume, so she was a fairy ninja.



“Look, it’s nighttime. I’m ready to go trick or treating, not stand here and debate about zombies,” said Neil. He was a werewolf.

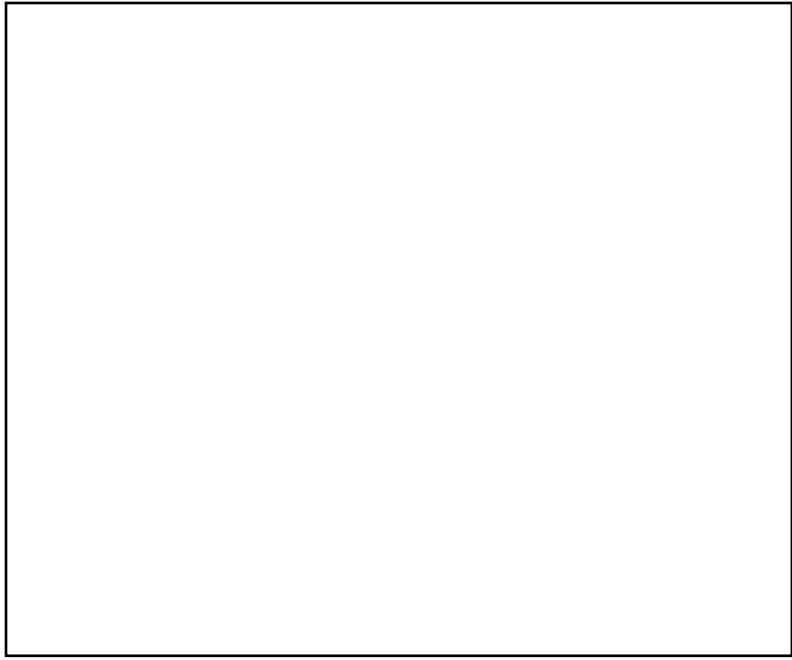
“Neil is right. Let’s grab some goodies,” said Raven. She wore her black raven costume.



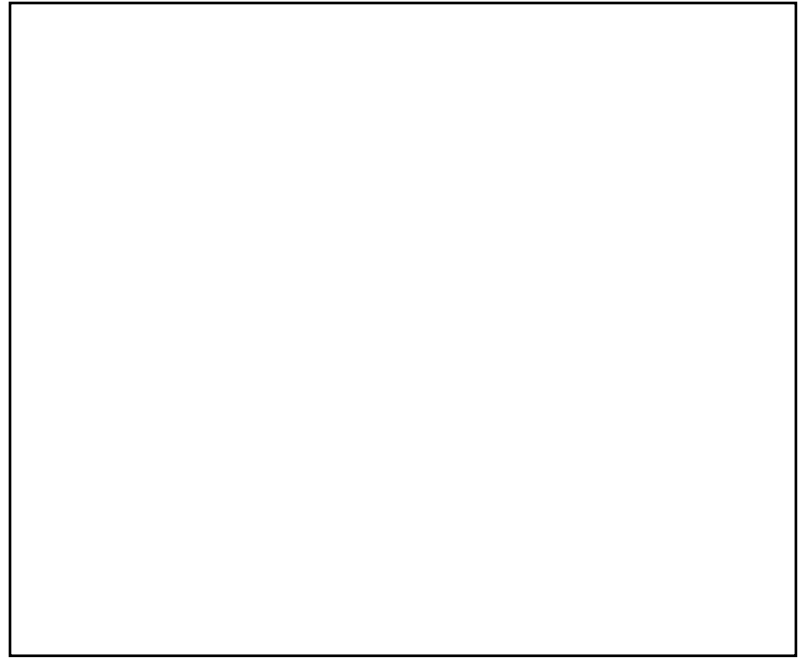
The friends headed out in the moonlit night. Raven was great at scary cackles while Neil growled and howled like a werewolf. Just then, a kid dressed like a cowboy came running up to us. "Look out for the Zombie Shadow!" he panted all out of breath. Then he took off down the street at top speed.



"Did he just say Zombie Shadow?" asked Charlie. "What a weirdo. Let's keep going." The friends agreed. Seconds later, a girl dressed as a spider ran up to us screaming, "The Zombie Shadow is coming!" She took one look back and then ran away from us. That was the second warning.



“Are they for real?” asked Marley, feeling a bit uneasy. The friends agreed it had to be a hoax. There was no zombie shadow lurking on Halloween night. Still, seeing two kids running past them was odd.



As they turned the corner onto the next street, the friends heard an eerie moan. “Is th-that what I th-think it is?” asked Raven? “ZOMBIE SHADOW!” we all screamed and ran back the other way.



“OOHHHH!” the Zombie Shadow moaned. It was following us! Where could we go to escape? We looked back. Charlie had tripped and fell. Candy was all over the ground. The Zombie Shadow staggered over to him. “Don’t eat me!” Charlie yelled, blocking his face. “Dude, relax. I just came to see if you were hurt,” said Lee.



Was their buddy, Lee *really* the Zombie Shadow?

The friends all ran up to Lee.

“That’s some costume, Lee. You had a lot of kids freaked out tonight,” said Neil. Lee moaned and giggled at us. They all breathed a sigh of relief and went back to trick or treating. This time, Lee came with us.

Skills: Vowel Teams, Diphthong, V/CV and VC/V
syllable division, suffixes -ed and -ing
Red words: you're, laugh, because

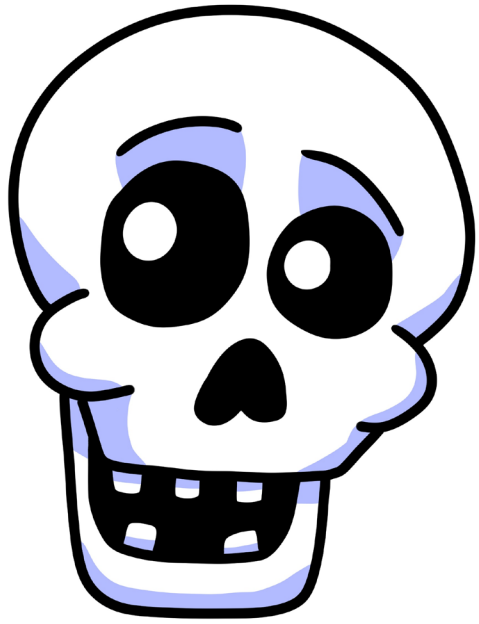
Question: What are some ways the skeleton is going
to try to win a prize at the ghoul convention?

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THE PHANTOM SKELETON

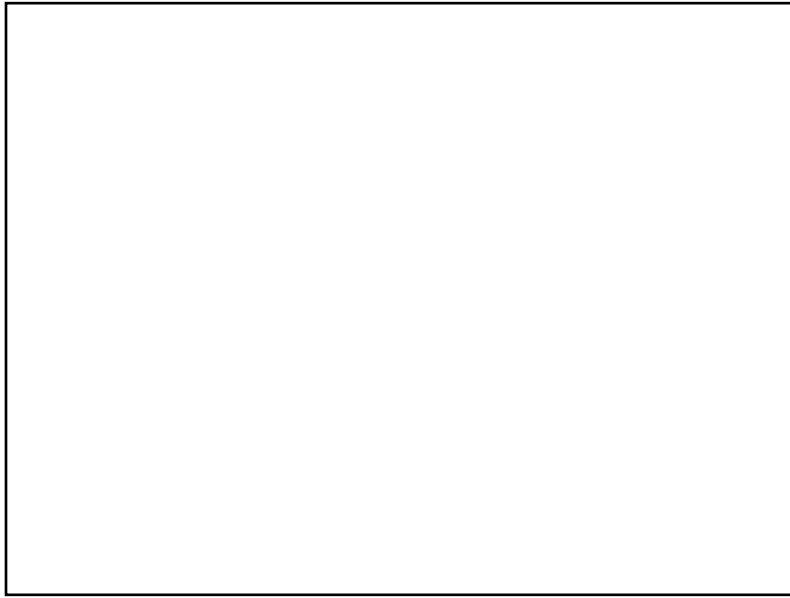
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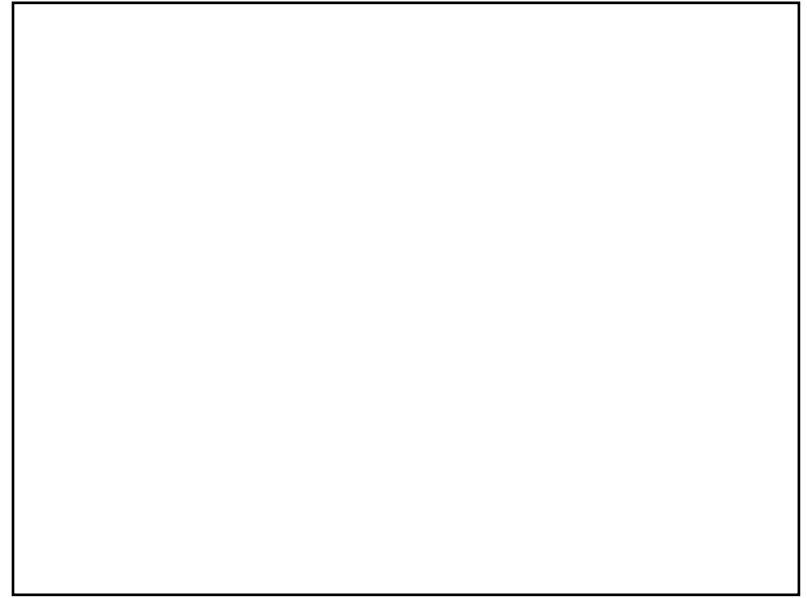
I know what you're thinking. I don't look like a phantom skeleton. You see, I try to frighten people, but whenever I do, they think I'm just pretending and laugh at me. I don't get it. If I show up to guests partying on an autumn night at some bash, they're supposed to get goosebumps.



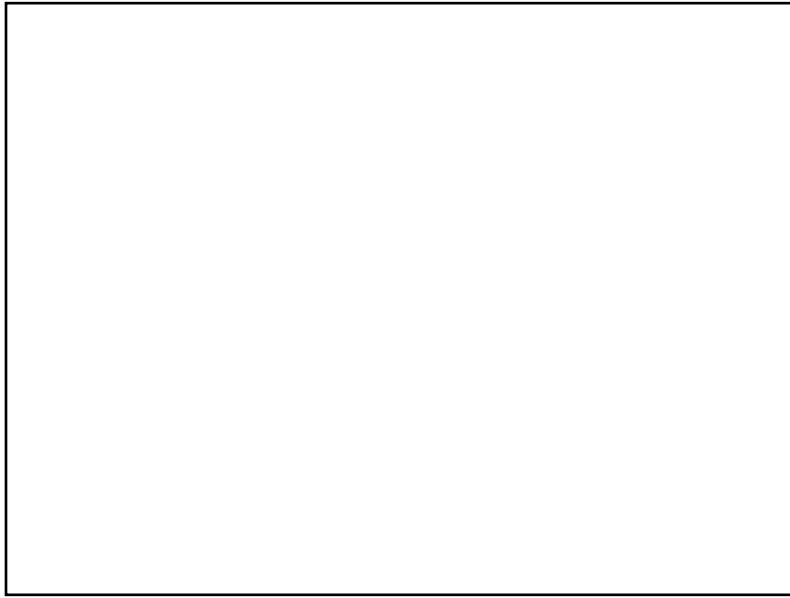
I haven't been able to frighten anyone in years. The older I get, the sillier I look. My ghost friends have it made. Dracula and Frankenstein have both won prizes for best spine-chilling scare tactics every year at the ghoul convention, but not me. Well things are going to change.



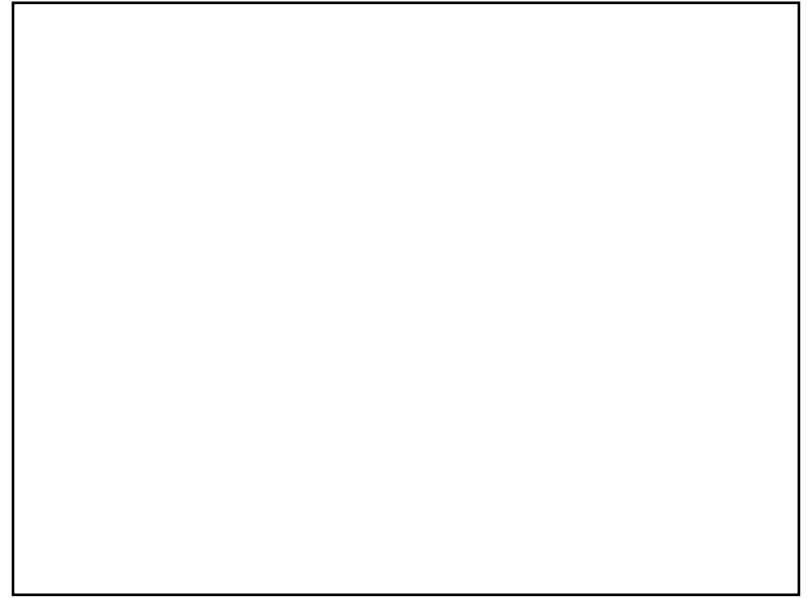
My disguise will be the most spine-chilling at the ghoul convention this October. All my skeleton buddies will be crawling out of the cemetery to get a glance at me. This will be the most horrific Halloween disguise ever.



First, I'll find some bulging eyeballs. That always creeps people out when they see aliens, so I'm sure it will work for me. Next, I'll find a tattered old scarecrow costume. They won't expect a phantom skeleton to be dressed as scarecrow



After that, I'll work on my most horrific cackle. Just the sound of my terrifying voice will send partying trick or treaters running in every direction. It will all be because of me, the phantom skeleton. I will be award-winning!



Finally, I'll practice my shapeshifting abilities. This has always been a weakness of mine, but I'm sure I can tackle it. So far, I can shapeshift a spider and a crow. Now if only I could get my hands on a werewolf...



With my bulging eyeballs, a scarecrow disguise, a creepy cackle, and expert shapeshifting skills, I am ready for the ghoul convention. Look out ghosts, goblins, and witches! This phantom skeleton is taking home the grand prize. Nothing can stop me.



The ghoul convention is at full capacity this year. As I pass a table full of zombies carving pumpkins, I pretend NOT to see Frankenstein and Dracula, the previous year's winners. "Stay calm, Phantom. You got this," I say to myself. Let the games begin.

GAMES

Games 1-3 Laminate the game boards or place in plastic sheet protectors. Use mini erasers or plastic counters for game pieces.

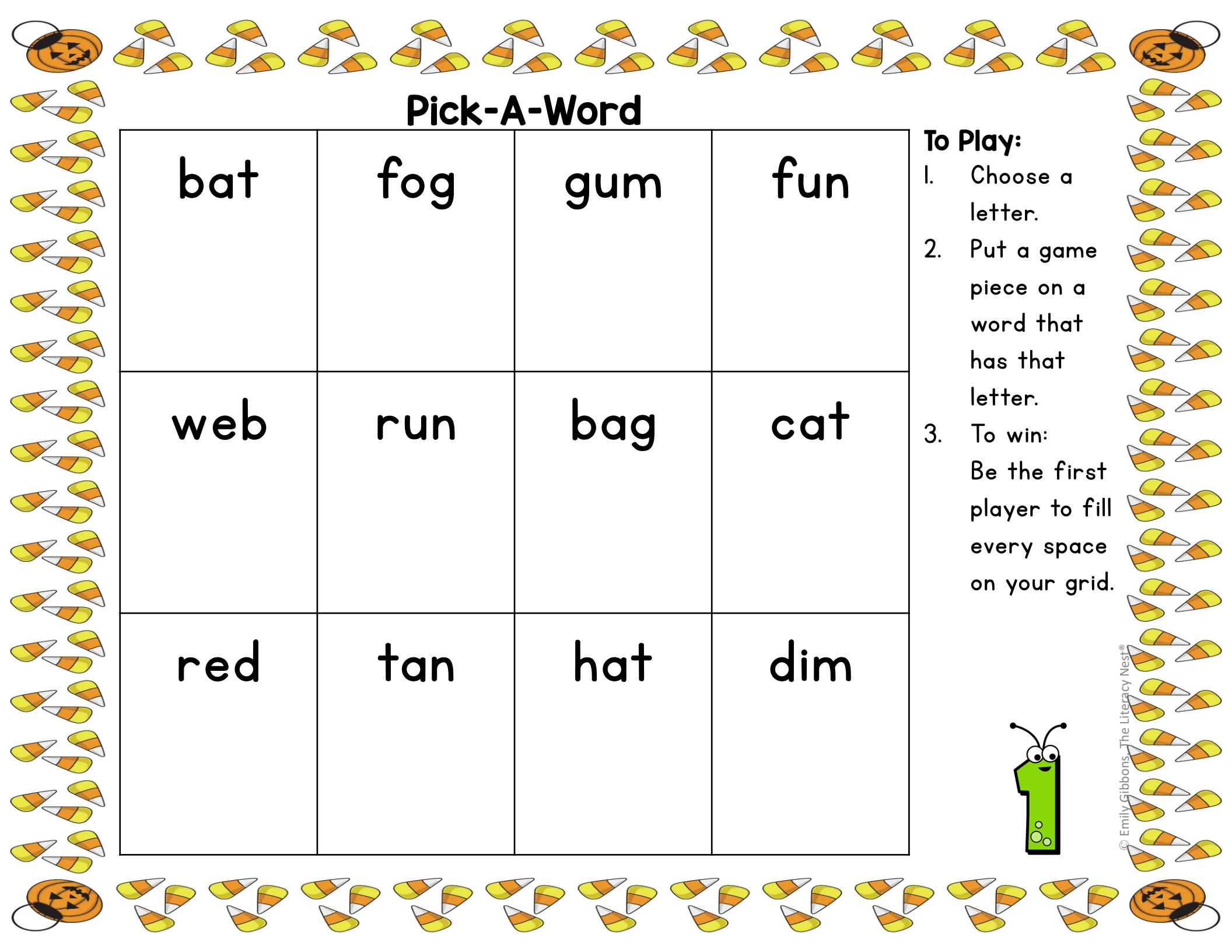
To Play: Place magnetic letters or letter tiles in a cup.

1. Choose a letter.
2. Put a game piece on a word from the board that has that letter.
3. To win: Be the first player to fill every space on your grid.

Games 4-7 Laminate the game boards or place in plastic sheet protectors. Use mini erasers or plastic counters for game pieces.

To Play: Make an extra copy of the game board to cut up for word cards. Place the word cards in a cup.

***Follow the directions game boards 4-7 to play.**




Pick-A-Word

bat	fog	gum	fun
web	run	bag	cat
red	tan	hat	dim

To Play:

1. Choose a letter.
2. Put a game piece on a word that has that letter.
3. To win:
Be the first player to fill every space on your grid.





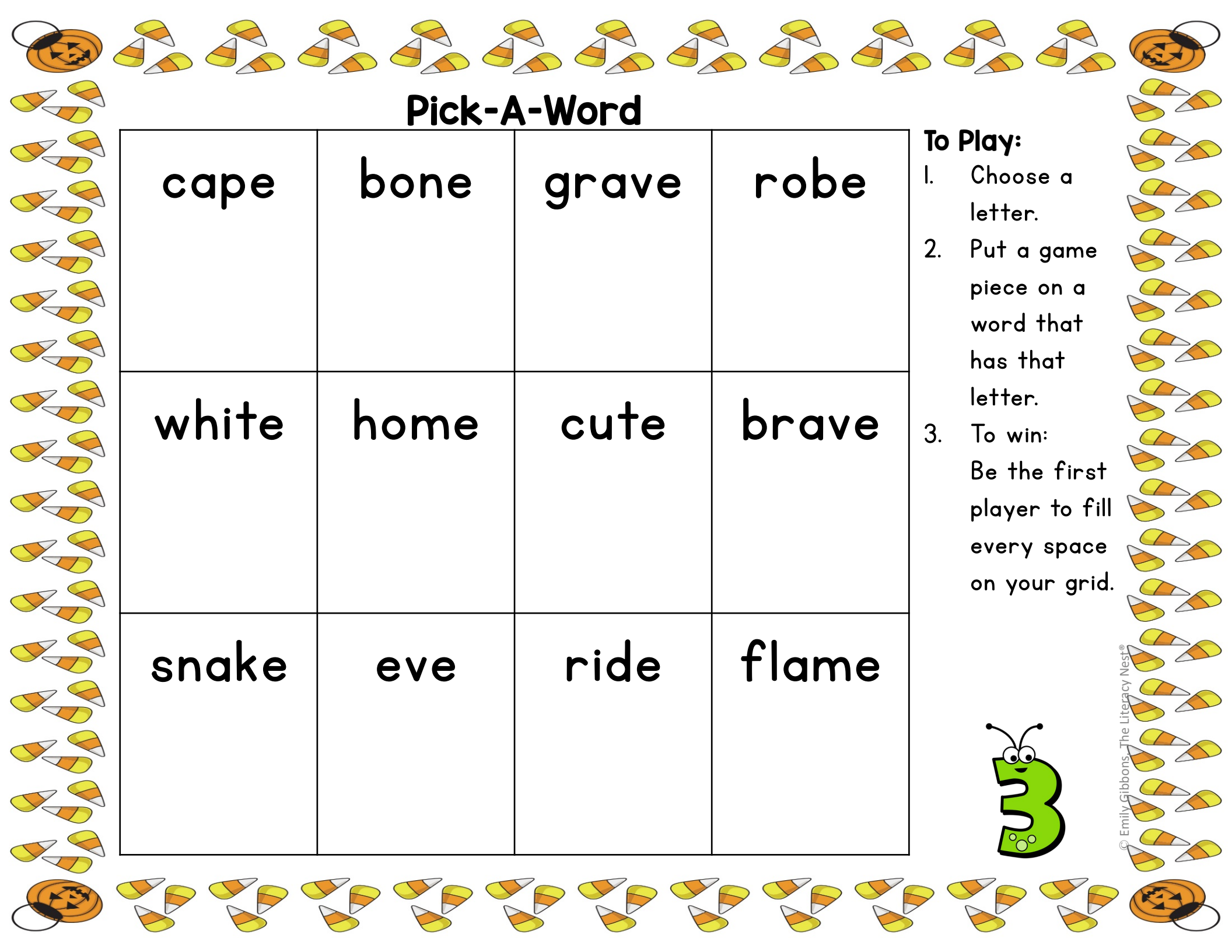
Pick-A-Word

skull	mask	crept	slept
grab	wept	elf	chill
dress	spell	grim	trip

To Play:

1. Choose a letter.
2. Put a game piece on a word that has that letter.
3. To win:
Be the first player to fill every space on your grid.


















Pick-A-Word

cape	bone	grave	robe
white	home	cute	brave
snake	eve	ride	flame

To Play:

1. Choose a letter.
2. Put a game piece on a word that has that letter.
3. To win:
Be the first player to fill every space on your grid.



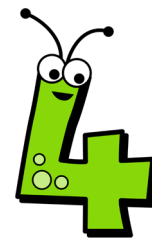















Pick-A-Word

make-up	goblin	cobweb	coffin
costume	pumpkin	cupcake	casket
enchant	gravestone	vampire	shapeshift

To Play:

1. Choose a word card.
2. Find the word on the grid and divide it into syllables.
3. To win:
Be the first player to fill three spaces in a column.





Pick-A-Word

trick or treat	paint	boo	candy
mummy	troll	creepy	dark
snack	broom	beast	shock
scare	black	witch	party
spooky	crack	fangs	cloak

To Play:

1. Choose a word card.
2. Find the word on the grid and circle its vowel, vowel team, or r-controlled vowel in the To win: Be the first player to get 4 in a row or 5 in a column.



Pick-A-Word

haunt	moonlit	growl	cackle
nighttime	cowboy	ghost	ghoul
shadow	spider	creature	zombie
fairy	ninja	crow	goodies
werewolf	eerie	scary	wicked

To Play:

1. Choose a word card.
2. Find that word and think of a sentence with the word in it.
3. To win:
Be the first player to fill 4 in a row or 5 in a column.



Pick-A-Word

frighten	goosebumps	spine-chilling	petrified
skeleton	eyeballs	phantom	cemetery
pretending	carving	partying	autumn
October	disguise	scarecrow	doorbell
alien	Frankenstein	Dracula	horrific

To Play:

1. Choose a word card.
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