



HALLOWEEN

Are you scared? You better be! It's Halloween and my **costume** is pretty scary! This year I am looking like Michael Myers - be scared, be very scared!

October 31st is a big evening for our family and the children of our **neighborhood**. Halloween spirit is quite high in our community and children and parents like to walk around and knock on doors for a **trick or treat!** Everybody wears one or other kind of costume - of course!!!

I believe there's a whole crowd who are dressing up as **zombies**. I must say, when they wear their costumes and walk down the street, they look pretty scary! I wouldn't want to meet them alone at night. I would **run for my life** if I saw these **figures** coming towards me!



Mom is one of the organizers and she usually buys the **pumpkins** at the local **supermarket**. There is an award for the fastest **pumpkin carver**. Also one for the most creative face! The pumpkins come from a local farmer and they are just the right size. The name for these beautiful, orange pumpkins is **Jack O'Lantern**.

Our **decorations** for our local party are awesome. We ordered them online and paid a good price. We have three huge spiders which will hang from above and then we have **spiderwebs** and two **ghosts** who will sit in the corner. They look so real. They look very **scary** and I don't want to be with them alone in a room!

We usually play games. We have several teams who compete to be the winners. The '**egg and spoon**' run, '**find the treasure amongst some grizzly stuff**' and then we also have a lovely award for the best **storyteller**. The scarier the story, the better!

We have a **sponsor** who awards the **best-dressed** person with two **movie tickets** to the local **cinema**. Everybody competes for this price. Come on guys - let's do it!

Happy Halloween!!!

Comprehension Questions

1. When is Halloween?

2. True or false: You can wear a scary costume when it is Halloween.

3. True or false: Halloween is not important for this family.

4. Are zombies happy, friendly, or scary?

5. True or false: to “**run for my life**” means to run as fast as you can.

6. Where does Mom usually buy the pumpkins?

7. A **Jack O’Lantern** is a hollow pumpkin with a carved face.

8. Where did they get [buy] their decorations from?

9. What decorations do they have that will hang from “above”?

10. Where will the two ghosts sit?

11. What is one of the games they will play?

12. True or false: they have a sponsor who gives a prize for the best storyteller.

13. What is the prize?

Teacher's Key

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October 31
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True
3. True or false: Halloween is not important for this family.
False
4. Are zombies happy, friendly, or scary?
Scary
5. True or false: to “**run for my life**” means to run as fast as you can.
True
6. Where does Mom usually buy the pumpkins?
At the local supermarket
7. A **Jack O’Lantern** is a hollow pumpkin with a carved face.
True
8. Where did they get [buy] their decorations from?
They bought it online
9. What decorations do they have that will hang from “above”?
Three huge spiders will hang from above
10. Where will the two ghosts sit?
In the corner
11. What is one of the games they will play?
The ‘egg and spoon’ run and ‘find the treasure amongst some grizzly stuff’
12. True or false: they have a sponsor who gives a prize for the best storyteller.
False - the sponsor will give a prize to the best-dressed person
13. What is the prize?
two movie tickets to the local cinema