



HALLOWEEN LEARNING PACK

READ ABOUT HALLOWEEN AND BATS, SOLVE PUZZLES, AND ENJOY CREATIVE ACTIVITIES!

GRADES 3-5

17 ACTIVITIES

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HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS & AMAZING BATS!

Halloween is celebrated on October 31. Its traditions grew from more than one source. One was Samhain, an ancient festival celebrated by Celtic people, also called the Celts, in places such as Ireland. Another was All Saints' Day, also called All Hallows' Day, on November 1. The evening before it was called All Hallows' Eve. The name Halloween comes from those words.

Today, many families enjoy costumes, carved pumpkins, and trick-or-treating. A costume can be a disguise: it changes how someone looks. Spooky stories may include ghosts, also called spirits. Dracula is a fictional vampire from a story. Fictional means made up.

Real bats are different from storybook creatures. Bats are mammals. They have fur, and mothers feed their young milk. Bats are the only mammals capable of true flight, rather than just gliding. Most bats are nocturnal, which means they are active at night.

Many bats use echolocation to move around and find food. They make sounds and listen for the echoes that bounce back from nearby objects. An echo is a sound that returns after bouncing off something. Bats are not blind: they can see, too. Different bats eat different foods. Many eat insects; others eat fruit or drink nectar from flowers. Insect-eating bats help control insect populations. Bats may look spooky in Halloween pictures, but they are important animals!

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HALLOWEEN READING CHECK

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Answer each question using complete sentences.

1. On what date is Halloween celebrated?

2. Name the ancient Celtic festival mentioned in the reading.

3. Which words did the name Halloween come from?

4. How do bats use echolocation?

5. How do insect-eating bats help us?



MATCH THE NEW WORDS

Match each item on the left with the correct item on the right. Write the matching letter in the blank.

1. _____ Samhain
2. _____ Celts
3. _____ Echolocation
4. _____ Nocturnal
5. _____ Mammal
6. _____ Disguise

- A. Active at night
- B. Something that changes a person's appearance
- C. An ancient Celtic festival
- D. An animal with hair or fur whose mother feeds its young milk
- E. Celtic people who lived in parts of Europe
- F. Finding objects by making sounds and listening for echoes



SHARKY'S JOKE!

What do you call a witch's garage? A broom closet!

HALLOWEEN CANDY MATH

Solve each problem. Show your work in the space provided.

1. Eight friends share 64 pieces of candy equally. How many pieces does each friend get?

Answer: _____

2. Maya cuts a 60-inch ribbon and uses 18 inches on a costume. How many inches of ribbon are left?

Answer: _____

3. A class puts 6 pieces of candy in each of 9 treat bags. How many pieces of candy does the class use?

Answer: _____

4. Challenge: A shop has 24 bags with 12 pieces of candy in each bag. How many pieces of candy are there altogether?

Answer: _____

MEET FOUR KINDS OF BATS

Bat	Food	What to know
Common pipistrelle	Insects	A small bat found in Britain
Noctule	Insects	One of Britain's largest bat species
Giant golden-crowned flying fox	Fruit and leaves	Found in the Philippines
Vampire bats	Blood	Only three bat species drink blood

Use the table to answer these questions.

1. Which two bats in the table eat insects?

2. Which bat in the table is found in the Philippines?

3. According to the table, how many bat species drink blood?



WRITING PROMPT

Imagine you are an insect-eating bat for one night. Where do you fly? How does echolocation help you find insects? Write a short adventure using at least two facts from the reading.

**SHARKY'S JOKE!**

Why did the vampire go to art school? He wanted to learn how to draw blood!

MAKE A JACK-O'-LANTERN

Number the steps from 1 to 4. An adult does the cutting and carving.

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An adult carves a face into the empty pumpkin's side.

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Put a battery-operated light inside and replace the lid.

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An adult cuts a lid from the top of the pumpkin and removes it.

☐

Scoop out the seeds and stringy pulp.

HALLOWEEN & BAT READING QUIZ

Use the reading and bat table to choose each answer.

1. What does nocturnal mean?

- ☐ Living underwater
- ☐ Eating only fruit
- ☐ Active at night
- ☐ Unable to fly

2. How do many bats use echolocation?

- ☐ By reading tracks
- ☐ By copying birds
- ☐ By following colors
- ☐ By listening for returning echoes

3. Which animal is a mammal capable of true flight?

- ☐ Bat
- ☐ Butterfly
- ☐ Owl
- ☐ Bee

4. Which bat in the table eats fruit and leaves?

- ☐ Vampire bat
- ☐ Giant golden-crowned flying fox
- ☐ Noctule
- ☐ Common pipistrelle

5. What do insect-eating bats help control?

- ☐ Cloud shapes
- ☐ Insect populations
- ☐ Ocean waves
- ☐ The length of a day



WORD SEARCH

Find and circle all the hidden words in the grid.

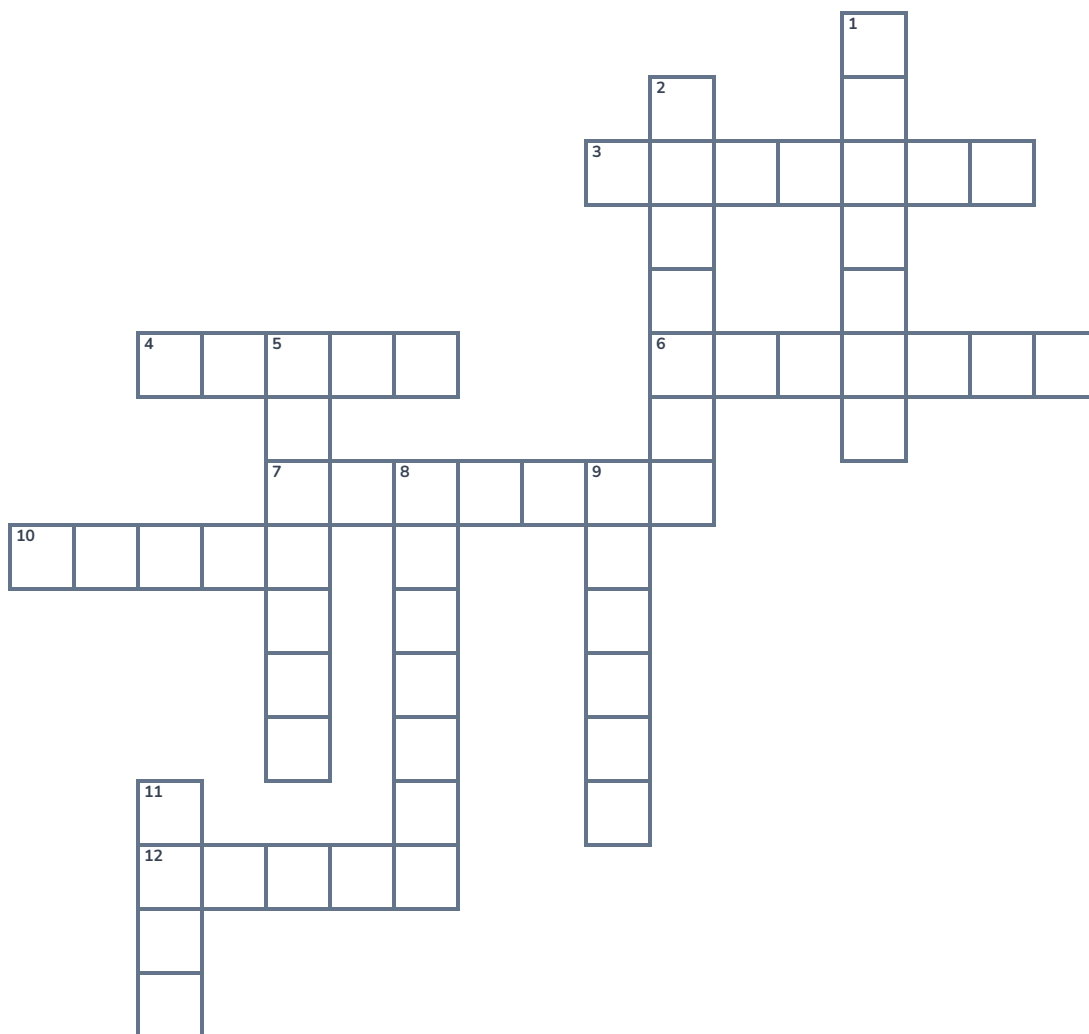
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FIND THESE WORDS

CELTS SAMHAIN IRELAND SCOTLAND NOCTULE VAMPIRE DRACULA COSTUME
PUMPKIN CANDY BATS HAUNTED GHOST

HALLOWEEN & BAT CROSSWORD

Fill in the crossword using the clues below.



ACROSS

- 3. Ancient Celtic festival.
- 4. Sweet Halloween treat.
- 6. Country named in the reading.
- 7. Trick-or-treat outfit.
- 10. A spirit in spooky stories.
- 12. People who celebrated Samhain.

DOWN

- 1. Fictional vampire in the reading.
- 2. Complete: ___ bat drinks blood.
- 5. Large British bat in the table.
- 8. Another word for ghosts.
- 9. Animal group that includes bats.
- 11. A sound that bounces back.



SHARKY'S JOKE!

Why did the skeleton not cross the road? He didn't have the guts!

MYSTERY RIDDLE

I am a pumpkin with a face carved into me and a light inside. What am I called?

Use these clues:

1. My name starts with "jack".
2. People often display me at Halloween.

My answer: _____

SPOOKY WORD SCRAMBLE!

Unscramble each word. Write the correct spelling on the line.

1. ELCTS

2. NASHAMI

3. LAIDREN

4. LANSCODT

5. CALADRU

6. PREIMAV



SPOOKY EMOJI MATH!

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Read the equations from top to bottom. Each one reveals the value of a new emoji — use it to work out the next.

$$\text{🎃} + \text{🎃} = 20$$

$$\text{🎃} + \text{👻} = 15$$

$$\text{👻} + \text{🍬} = 7$$

Now figure out the value of each emoji:

$$\text{🎃} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{👻} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{🍬} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

Now that you know each value, solve these:

1. $\text{🎃} + \text{👻} + \text{🍬} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

2. $\text{👻} + \text{👻} + \text{🍬} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. $\text{🎃} + \text{🎃} + \text{👻} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

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7. $\text{🎃} + \text{🎃} + \text{🍬} + \text{🍬} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

SPOOKY SUDOKU CHALLENGE

Fill in each grid so every row, column, and 2x2 box contains the numbers 1–4.

Puzzle 1

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Puzzle 2

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Puzzle 3

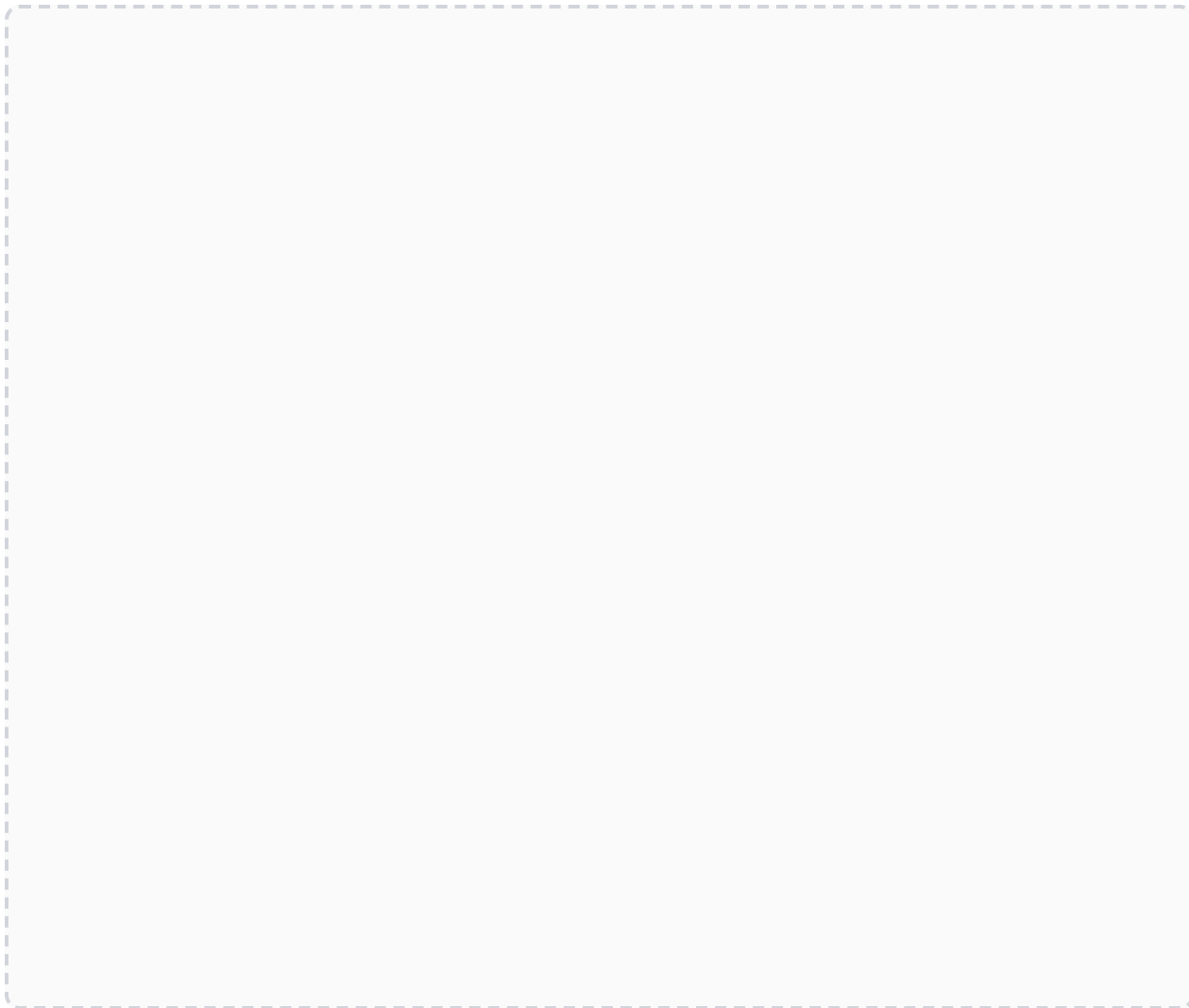
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DRAW IT!

Draw a scene showing a happy trick-or-treater holding a bag full of candy, walking past a house decorated for Halloween with a carved pumpkin. In the night sky above, draw a bat flying with its wings spread wide.

💡 Label these parts: CANDY BAG, COSTUME, JACK-O'-LANTERN, BAT WING, MOON



Make your own pumpkin faces!

MAKE YOUR OWN PUMPKIN FACES!

