

My Spooky Twist on a Tale

🦇 Halloween Activity Pack 🦇



1. The Twisting Tale Generator



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Halloween has a reputation as the twistiest, turniest night on the calendar – and this year is no exception.

The following characters, places and spooky events have become entangled in all this October excitement. Now it's your job to pull them apart and make a story.

Instructions

Use the template and word lists below to create your own random Halloween tale, or come up with your own ideas to fill in the gaps and write what happens next.

[Character A] met **[Character B]** in **[Place]**.

Suddenly: **[Event]**

Then write what happens next...

For example

A witch met **a Fairy Godmother** in **the supermarket**.

Suddenly: **there was a loud bang.**

What do you think might have caused the bang?

What might happen next? There are no wrong answers – let your imagination run wild.

Character List Ideas

Princess, Prince, Bogeyman, Mummy, Tortoise, Hare, Loch Ness Monster, Wizard, Vampire, Fairy Godmother, Butler, Dragon.

Place List Ideas

Creaking Ship, Haunted House, Supermarket, Graveyard, School, Dark Forest, Crumbling Cottage, Wardrobe, Lion Cage.

Event Ideas

There was a loud bang, They heard a scream, The ground began to shake, The air froze, They began to laugh, A ghost appeared and said...



2. Secretly Scared



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These chilling characters are all secretly scared of something. Only you can decide what that is – and why.

Maybe cats scare the werewolf – because they hiss at her when she’s walking in the moonlight.

And maybe marshmallows scare the vampire – because they get stuck to his fangs and stop him biting necks.

Make up fears for everyone here. There’s no answer too bizarre, or baffling...

Bigfoot



I'm terrified of:

because

Ogre



I'm terrified of:

because

Werewolf



I'm terrified of:

because

Wicked Stepmother



I'm terrified of:

because

Witch



I'm terrified of:

because

Vampire



I'm terrified of:

because



3. Weird Search



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There are some scary words lurking on this page. Can you find them all – plus the secret final phrase that got away?

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Secret phrase (hint): B_ _ _ I_ _ H_ _ _ G_ _ _

BLOOD COFFIN COSTUME FANG FULL MOON
GOOSE PIMPLES HALLOWEEN HORROR LIGHTNING
PETRIFIED PUMPKIN SHIVER SPECTRE THUNDER

4. Recipe: Gingerbread Skeletons



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Spice up your Halloween party with these ghoulish gingerbread skeletons. If you want to get creative with your friends, why not let everybody decorate their own and hold a competition?

Between 1h and 1h30 for preparation, cooking and decorating
Let an adult know before you start baking or ask them to help.

Makes 20 (approx.)

Equipment:

- ◆ Two baking trays, lined with greaseproof paper
- ◆ One large bowl for mixing dry ingredients
- ◆ One smaller bowl for wet ingredients
- ◆ One sieve
- ◆ One rolling pin
- ◆ One gingerbread-person-shaped cutter
- ◆ A wire rack for cooling
- ◆ An oven
- ◆ One food processor (optional)



Ingredients:

- ◆ 350g plain flour, plus extra for dusting surfaces
- ◆ 175g soft brown sugar
- ◆ 125g butter
- ◆ 1 egg
- ◆ 4 tbsp golden syrup
- ◆ 2 tsp ginger
- ◆ 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- ◆ 1 tsp ground cinnamon
- ◆ White piping icing, to decorate



See Method on next sheet



4. Recipe: Gingerbread Skeletons (continued)



Method:

1. Sift flour, bicarbonate of soda, cinnamon and ginger into a bowl. **If you have a food processor**, tip those ingredients into it, add butter, and blend the mix until it looks like breadcrumbs. **If you do not have a food processor**, slice the butter into small cubes, add them into the flour mix, then lightly rub the ingredients together with your fingertips until they resemble breadcrumbs
2. Stir in the sugar
3. In a smaller bowl, beat the egg and golden syrup together with a fork or a whisk
4. **If you have a food processor**, add the egg-syrup mixture to the rest, and pulse until it all comes together. **If you do not have a food processor**, pour the egg-syrup mixture into your dry ingredients, stirring and folding with a wooden spoon until it all comes together
5. Tip the dough onto a lightly floured surface, and knead it briefly with your knuckles until it's smooth. Wrap the dough in clingfilm and put it in the fridge to chill for 15 minutes. While you're waiting, preheat the oven to 180C (Gas Mark 4)
6. Roll the chilled dough out to a thickness of 0.5 centimetres (or ¼ inches)
7. Cut out your skeleton shapes with the person-shaped cutter, and place them onto the baking trays, leaving gaps between them (they will expand when they cook)
8. Bake in the oven for 12 to 15 minutes, or until lightly browned, then carefully transfer them to the wire rack so they can cool
9. When your gingerbread shapes have cooled down to room temperature, decorate them with the white icing and transform them into spooky skeletons
10. 'Bone' appetit...!



5. Unexpected Speeches



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The usual Halloween suspects are back – but their thoughts are not quite what you might expect.

Your mission, if you choose to accept it: write the most surprising thing you imagine each character thinking.

After all, it's often hard to tell what's really going on behind a fearsome face...

For example:



'By golly, I love a jam sandwich!'



6. The Page of Spine-Tingling Scenes



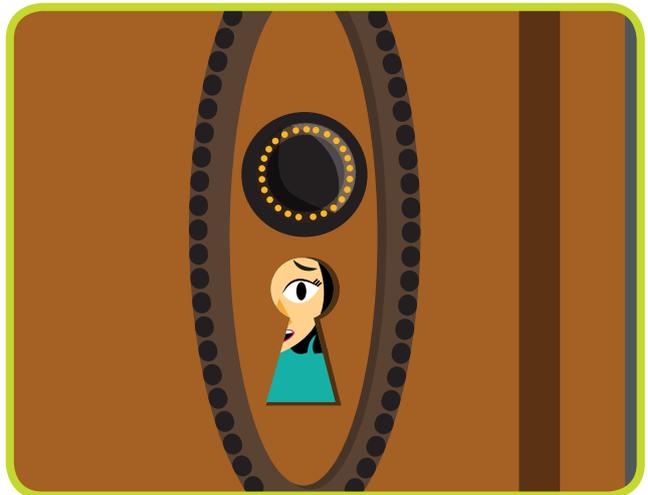
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Let these spine-tingling scenes inspire your story writing.

What do they make you think of? How would you describe them? Take 10 minutes to roughly note down whatever comes into your head when you look at each one. Perhaps you'll find yourself starting to write a story...

To help you get going:

Imagine you're standing in one of these places yourself. What does it smell like? What sounds can you hear? Who else is with you? Be as descriptive as you can and let your writing flow.



7. BOO-kmark



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Print and cut out this BOO-kmark for a scary surprise every time you open up your story. Write your name, class, school and the name of your favourite story.

Name:

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Class:

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School:

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Favourite story:

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7. The Scare-Yourself-Silly Worksheet



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Want to write a really scary story? It might help think about what scares you before you try scaring anyone else...

Answer the following questions to get you into a fear-soaked frame of mind – then have a go at filling the blanks at the bottom to create a quick short story...

Q. Are you scared of anything? Spiders? The dark? Heights?

Q. Which character scares you the most?

Q. What's the scariest film you've seen?

Q. Where's the scariest place you've been?

Q. What was the last thing that made you jump?

Frightening first lines

 As soon as the door slammed I knew we were in trouble.

 The thunder boomed over my head. The lightning flashed, and I saw...

 Her nose filled with the smell of wet earth. Goosebumps rippled across her arms.



Can you think of any other frightening first lines? Write your ideas below.

