HALLOWEEN
ACTIVITIES

# Homophones.

## Circle the correct word to complete the sentence.

We are going (to/too/two) a Halloween party tonight.

Carolyn only had (to/too/two) pieces of candy left when she got home.

Their/There/They're goblin costumes were very scary.

Their/There/They're going trick or treating together.

I had to remind my mother to (buy/by/bye) some extra candy to hand out.

On our way to the Halloween party we walked (buy/by/bye) the old haunted house.

We (sore/saw/soar) six children dressed as green goblins.

My feet were very (sore/saw/soar) after walking eight blocks.

We laughed at Bill when he walked in dressed as a giant (toad/towed/toed).

Fred and I (toad/towed/toed) a cart behind our bikes to carry the candy we collected.

## List as many words as you can only using the letters of the word

# 'Halloween'

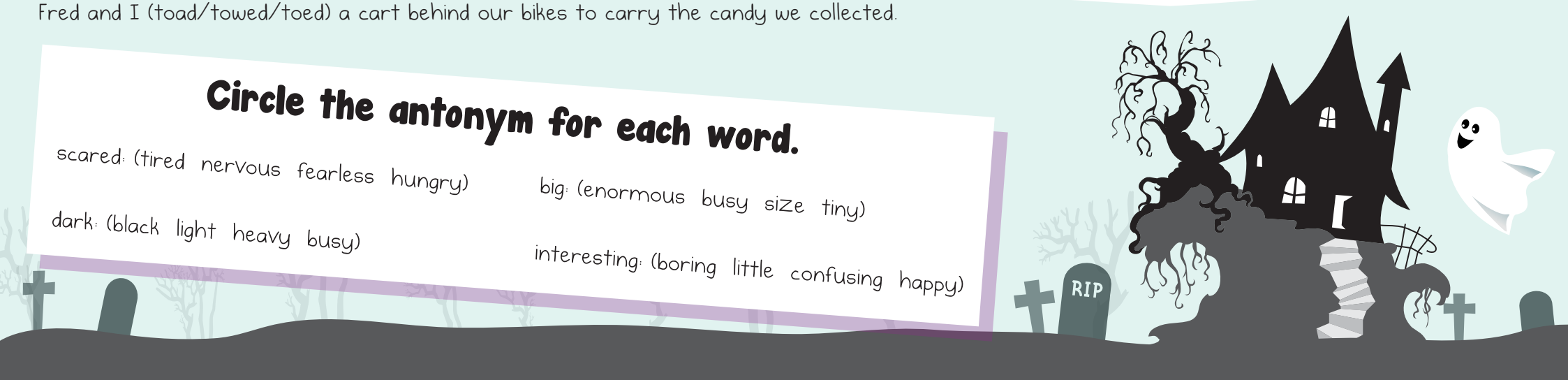
## Circle the antonym for each word.

scared: (tired nervous fearless hungry)

big: (enormous busy size tiny)

dark: (black light heavy busy)

interesting: (boring little confusing happy)



## Which conjunction completes the sentence?

- I'll only go to the Halloween party ---- I can dress as a witch.
  (to if for although)
- Sarah likes being a monster ---------- she likes to scare people.
  (to but because after)
- I cannot go trick or treating ------- I finish my homework.
  ( but unless yet or)

## Write a short Halloween poem using some of these rhyming words.

witch - which - switch - ditch - twitch - rich

bat - cat - fat - hat - mat - sat

spider - slider - glider - wider - rider - cider

## Halloween Maths

Terry spent $18 on his wizard costume. Mary spent $22 on her witch costume and Tanya spent $19. How much did they spend altogether?

Jimmy started carving his jack-o-lantern (pumpkin) at 3pm. It took him 95 minutes. What time did he finish?

Jason collected 22 candy bars and his brother Tom collected 14. Their sister Alice collected 24. If they shared all the candy equally, how many candy bars would they each get?

There are 22 children at a Halloween party. 6 children went home. Then 4 children arrived. How many children are now at the party?

## Read the following passage about Halloween and answer the questions.

Halloween was originally a Celtic festival called Samhain. It was the end of harvest time and the beginning of the new year. (November 1st was the new year for the Celts). The Celts were people who lived in what is now Ireland, Scotland, England, Wales and part of France. They believed that spirits rose from the dead and roamed the earth on this day. The Celts also thought that there were many other strange and scary creatures such as ghosts and demons about at that time. People sacrificed animals and lit bonfires in respect of the dead and to keep the evil spirits away. Some of the Celts dressed as evil spirits and creatures to fool the real spirits and be left alone. It is thought that 'trick or treating' could be related to Samhain when people believed fairies (faeries) disguised themselves as beggars, knocked on doors and asked for food. The people who gave them food were rewarded while those who didn't had something bad happen to them. Other people believe 'trick or treating' developed from beggars who went door to door praying for souls in return for food on the last day of October. Often the food the beggars received was called "soul cakes".

## Questions

What was the name of the Celtic festival?

What date was the start of the new year for the Celts?

Where did the Celts live?

What did the Celts believe roamed the earth on this day?

Who disguised themselves as beggars and asked for food?

What happened to the people who gave them food?

# Halloween Fact or Fiction?

**Research the following statements to find out if they are fact or fiction.**

Traditional jack-o-lanterns were originally hollowed-out turnips with embers or candles inside.

In Belgium, it is believed if a black cat crosses your path, you will have bad luck.

Black cats are traditionally good luck in England.

There are towns in the USA called Spiderweb, Goblintown, Black Cat, and Bat Cave.

The fear of Halloween is called Samhainophobia.

Not all animals have red blood. Lobsters have blue blood and some lizards have green blood.

Sharks can detect one drop of blood in one million drops of water.

The fastest pumpkin carver can carve a pumpkin in less than 40 seconds.

The word "Halloween" is an abbreviated version of "All Hallows' Eve".

The word "witch" comes from the Old English word "wicca".

# Halloween Safety

**SUPERVISION: Never trick-or treat alone!**

Children should always be accompanied by an adult.

**PEDESTRIAN SAFETY:** Remember the road rules and stay on the footpath.

Be aware of cars, cross roads safely and walk, don't run.

**SAFE HOUSES:** Never go inside a house unless you are with an adult you trust (like your parents). Only visit well-lit houses. Don't stop at dark houses (it usually means they don't want to be disturbed).

**WAIT:** Only eat your treats after an adult you trust (like your parents) have looked at them.