

LOW PREP!

"Spooktacular"  
Halloween  
Literacy Centers  
for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

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## Suggestions for Organization and Management

\*Print colored center headers on cardstock and/or laminate for durability. Attach headers with instructions to the front of large Halloween treat bags or treat buckets. Grocery bags also work great! Dollar Tree and Walmart both have lots of cute options.

\*Print and make copies of enough student templates for each child for each of the six centers (some are half sheets), and put the copies inside the matching treat bags or buckets. You will probably want to copy extras for students who complete centers twice. Place the bags in an easily accessible area of your classroom.

\*Students will need a pocket folder or file folder to hold center work that is either completed or in progress. Their tracking chart (page 5) needs to be stapled inside. Also, place a ziplock baggie inside each folder to hold the vocabulary cards.

\*Review center instructions and expectations as a class that include the following:

-Students may complete centers in any order they choose, which keeps their interest levels high, but they must completely finish a center before beginning a new one. Also, they must complete their whole list "once" before beginning the "twice" column.

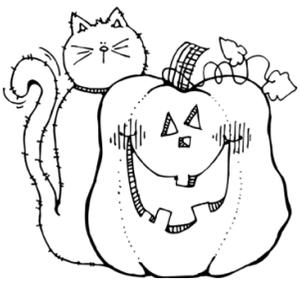
-On their tracking chart, they need to mark an X with a pencil in the matching box when beginning a center, then color it in with a crayon when it is complete.

-I would suggest that for optimal work quality, no more than 2-3 centers should be completed each day.

\*Since there are many possible center options, this center management system will easily last for 2-3 full weeks during regularly scheduled center time. Perfect for those hectic weeks leading up to Halloween!

## Center Descriptions

1. Scrumptious Spelling	Students use weekly spelling lists and choose two candy activities to complete on separate notebook paper. They color in the candy activities that they choose.
2. Letter to a Creepy Critter	Students write a friendly letter to one of four Halloween "creepy critters."
3. Top Tricks and Treats	Students make a "Top Ten" list based on one of four topics, then draw pictures of five items on the back.
4. Carving a Story Pumpkin	Students complete a fiction or non-fiction story organizer for an assigned book OR book of their choosing. Fall or Halloween themed books are perfect!
5. Very Scary Vocabulary	Students choose 4 of the provided vocabulary words, then use a dictionary to complete 4 vocabulary trading cards.
6. Wicked Word Search	Students use fall or Halloween themed classroom or library books to search for a part of speech, then write sentences for each.



# "Spooktacular"

## Halloween Literacy Centers

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

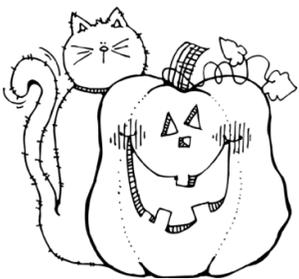


CENTER

Once Twice

1. Scrumptious Spelling		
2. Letter to a Creepy Critter		
3. Top Tricks and Treats		
4. Carving a Story Pumpkin		
5. Very Scary Vocabulary		
6. Wicked Word Search		

Teacher Comments: \_\_\_\_\_



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Teacher Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

# Scrumptious Spelling

Complete any TWO  
scrumptious spelling activities  
based on your weekly list.  
Color in the candies you choose.



# Scrumptious Spelling

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose any TWO spelling activities to complete on notebook paper.  
Color in the candies you chose.

*Color Code:*  
vowels =  
orange  
consonants =  
black



Spooky  
Letters

ABC  
Order

Words in a  
Sentence

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# Scrumptious Spelling

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Choose any TWO spelling activities to complete on notebook paper.  
Color in the candies you chose.

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Spooky  
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# Letter to a Creepy Critter

Write a friendly letter to one of  
the creepy critters below.

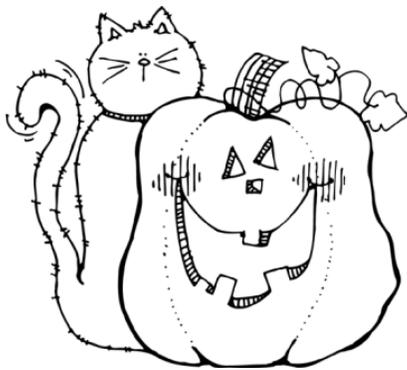


spider

black cat

bat

rat



\_\_\_\_\_ Date

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

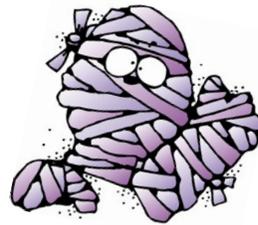
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

# Top Tricks and Treats

Choose a topic below and make  
a "Top Ten" list.



costumes

types of candy

things to do  
in fall

things in a  
haunted house



# Top Tricks and Treats



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Top Ten \_\_\_\_\_

1 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

7 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

9 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

10 \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of your paper, draw and color pictures of 5 items on your list.



# Top Tricks and Treats



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Top Ten \_\_\_\_\_

1 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_

2 \_\_\_\_\_

7 \_\_\_\_\_

3 \_\_\_\_\_

8 \_\_\_\_\_

4 \_\_\_\_\_

9 \_\_\_\_\_

5 \_\_\_\_\_

10 \_\_\_\_\_

On the back of your paper, draw and color pictures of 5 items on your list.

# Carving a Story Pumpkin

Choose any fiction or nonfiction  
book and complete a story  
pumpkin based on that book.



# Carving a Story Pumpkin

FICTION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title and Author

Characters

Setting

Problem

Solution

Most Important Part

Text Connection

# Carving a Story Pumpkin

NON FICTION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title and Author

Main Topic

What I Already Know

Questions

Fun Facts

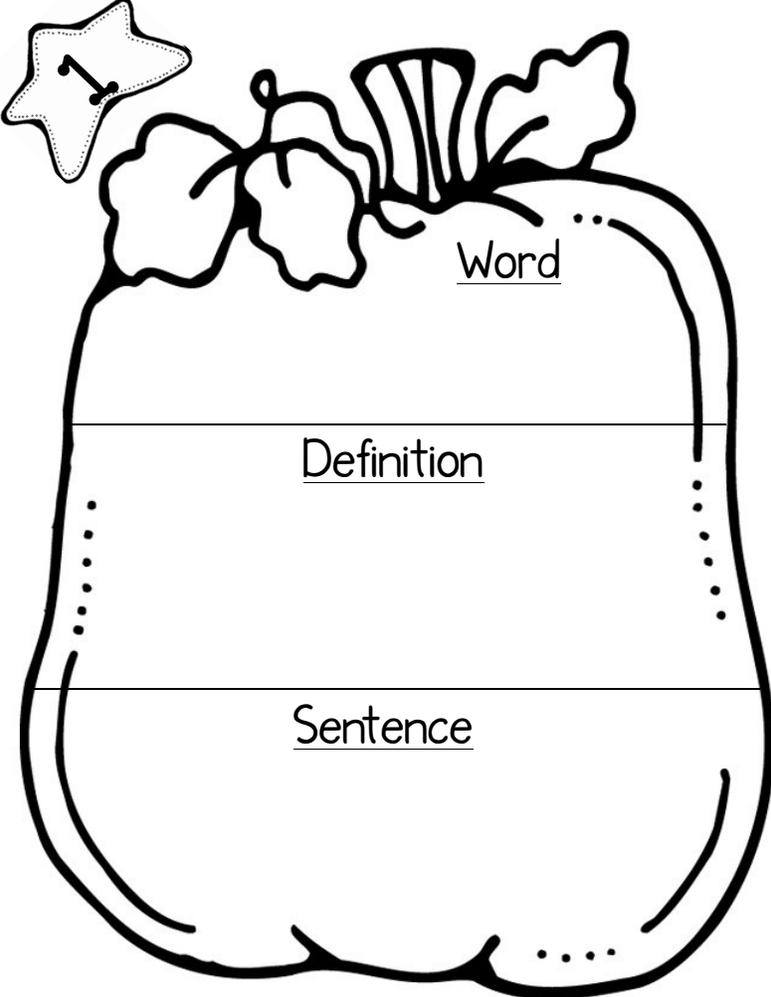
Text Features

Vocabulary Words

# Very Scary Vocabulary

Choose any 4 words below to  
make vocabulary trading cards.

eerie	ghoul	terrifying
prank	supernatural	vanish
cackle	disguise	mysterious
fantasy	arachnid	chilling



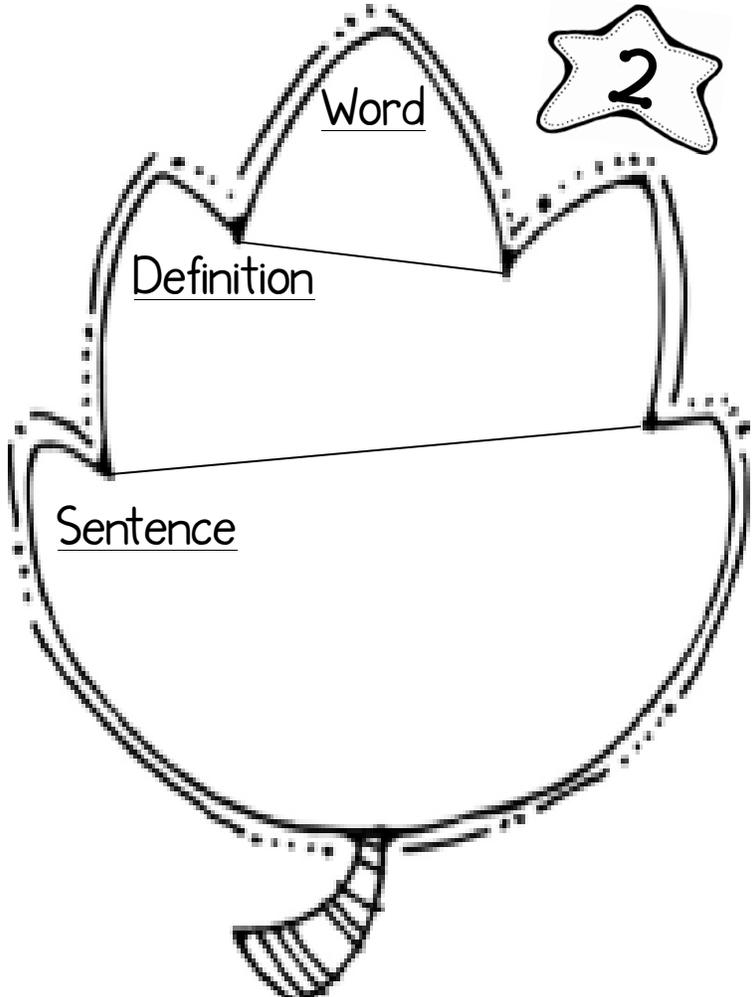
1

Word

Definition

Sentence

A worksheet shaped like a pumpkin with a stem and leaves. A star in the top left corner contains the number 1. The pumpkin is divided into three horizontal sections. The top section is labeled 'Word', the middle section is labeled 'Definition', and the bottom section is labeled 'Sentence'. Each section has a dotted line on the left and right sides, indicating where to write.



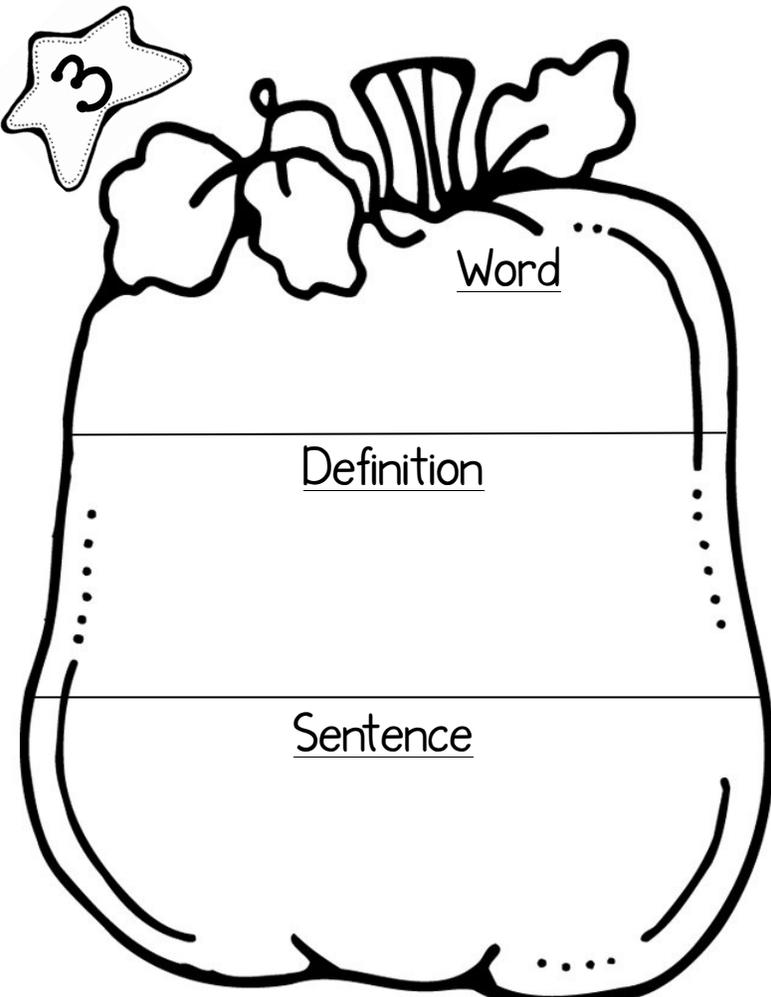
2

Word

Definition

Sentence

A worksheet shaped like a pumpkin with a stem and leaves. A star in the top right corner contains the number 2. The pumpkin is divided into three horizontal sections. The top section is labeled 'Word', the middle section is labeled 'Definition', and the bottom section is labeled 'Sentence'. Each section has a dotted line on the left and right sides, indicating where to write.



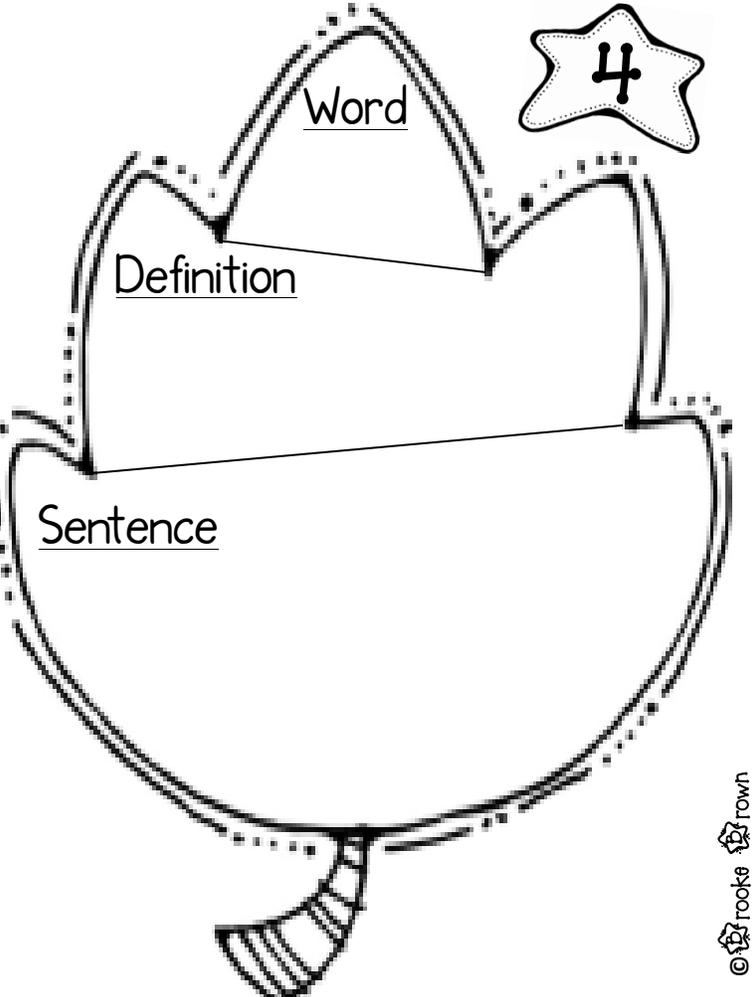
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Word

Definition

Sentence

A worksheet shaped like a pumpkin with a stem and leaves. A star in the top left corner contains the number 3. The pumpkin is divided into three horizontal sections. The top section is labeled 'Word', the middle section is labeled 'Definition', and the bottom section is labeled 'Sentence'. Each section has a dotted line on the left and right sides, indicating where to write.



4

Word

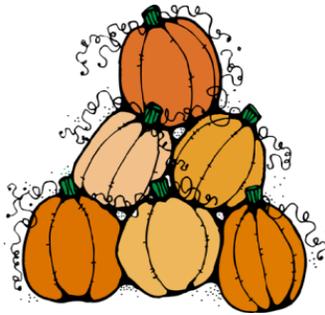
Definition

Sentence

A worksheet shaped like a pumpkin with a stem and leaves. A star in the top right corner contains the number 4. The pumpkin is divided into three horizontal sections. The top section is labeled 'Word', the middle section is labeled 'Definition', and the bottom section is labeled 'Sentence'. Each section has a dotted line on the left and right sides, indicating where to write.

# Wicked Word Search

Choose any Halloween book. Search for ONE of the following parts of speech inside the book to record on your sheet.



singular nouns	plural nouns
verbs	adjectives



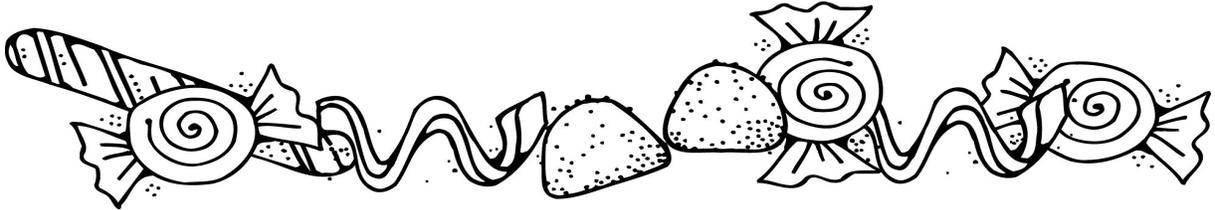
# Wicked Word Search



Name \_\_\_\_\_

I'm searching for \_\_\_\_\_.

- |         |          |
|---------|----------|
| 1 _____ | 6 _____  |
| 2 _____ | 7 _____  |
| 3 _____ | 8 _____  |
| 4 _____ | 9 _____  |
| 5 _____ | 10 _____ |



Choose 5 of your words to use in sentences.

- 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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