

Halloween Scavenger Hunt Activity

Materials:

Halloween questions worksheet (pages 2-3),
18 Halloween fact cards (pages 4-8),
scissors and scotch tape

Preparation

Print the fact cards and cut them apart.

Make copies of the Halloween questions worksheet (2-sided). Each student will need his or her own copy.

Hide all 18 Halloween fact cards around your classroom where students will be able to find them. You can put them on the back of your classroom door, on chairs, on the computer keyboard, on the sides of student desks, or wherever you like.



Activity



Don't be afraid to hide the facts in tough places. Kids think it's more fun when they have to search around a little.

Examples of good hiding spots might include:

- sticking out of a book, like a bookmark
- the back of the classroom door
- laying flat on the bookshelf
- on the back of the teacher's chair
- on the side of your computer monitor

Have a plan for students who finish early. You may want to have an assignment for them to complete when they're done, or you may have them help other students find fact cards.



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Fact Card

1



Giant pumpkins are the largest fruit in the world.

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Halloween customs and traditions were brought to North America by the early Irish immigrants.



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The first jack-o'-lanterns were carved from turnips.



Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween.



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Pumpkins are known for their orange color, but pumpkins can also be white, red, green, yellow and even blue!

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6



The fear of spiders is known as arachnophobia.



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Mexico celebrates the Day of the Dead (Días de los Muertos) on November 1st and 2nd. The townspeople dress up in costumes and parade down the streets.



Bats are not birds. They are mammals. They are the only mammal that can fly.



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Although it is common in scary movies, a full moon on Halloween is rare. The next full moon on Halloween will occur in 2020.

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When there are two full moons in the same month, the second one is called a blue moon.



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The largest jack-o'-lantern ever carved was in Brooklyn, New York in 2010. It weighed 1,810 lbs (821 kg.).



The ancient Egyptians made mummies thousands of years ago. They were discovered in ancient pyramids. Scientists have even found mummies of cats.



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A black cat was once thought to be a witch's assistant who protected her powers.



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Fact Card

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Orange and black are Halloween colors. Orange represents the fall harvest and black represents darkness.



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Vampires don't exist, but vampire bats do! They live in Central and South America and feed on the blood of cattle, horses, and birds.



According to a Halloween superstition, if a person wears their clothes inside out, and then walks backwards, they will see a witch at midnight.



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Fact Card

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The word witch comes from the Old English word *wicce*. It means *wise woman*.

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Fact Card

18



The word pumpkin comes from the Greek word, "*pepon*," which means "*large melon*."



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Fact Card 1: What is the largest fruit in the world?

Fact Card 2: What group of people brought Halloween to North America?

Fact Card 3: What were the first jack-o'-lanterns carved from?

Fact Card 4: What is Samhainophobia?



Fact Card 7: What do people in Mexico celebrate instead of Halloween?

Fact Card 8: Bats are the only mammals capable of what?

Fact Card 9: When is the next Halloween full moon?

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Fact Card 10: What is the second full moon in one month called?

Fact Card 11: How heavy was the largest jack-o'-lantern ever carved?

Fact Card 12: What animal did ancient Egyptians mummify?

Fact Card 13: People once thought that black cats...



Fact Card 16: What happens if you walk backwards and wear your clothes inside out?

Fact Card 17: What does the Old English word **wicce** mean?

Fact Card 18: What does the Greek word **pepon** mean?

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giant pumpkins

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the early Irish immigrants

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turnips

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the fear of Halloween



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The Day of the Dead (Dias de los Muertos)

Fact Card 8: Bats are the only mammals capable of what?

flying

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2020

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You see a witch at midnight

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wise woman

Fact Card 18: What does the Greek word **pepon** mean?

large melon