Ian’s Halloween Costume
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“What are you going to be for Halloween?” Dad asked Ian over breakfast.

“I don’t know,” Ian said. “I can’t think of anything.”

“We have some boxes of old clothes upstairs,” Dad said. “Maybe you’ll find something there.”

Ian kept looking. He found some of his old costumes. “A cowboy? An astronaut? A clown?”

Sir Wags-a-Lot barked.

“But there’s nothing left,” Ian said.

Sir Wags-a-Lot ran away.

“What is that dog doing?” Dad asked.

Sir Wags-a-Lot came back with a bone in his mouth.

Ian laughed. “You want me to be a bone for Halloween? Hmm, I have an idea.”

Ian found some old black clothes. He painted white lines on them. “I’ll be a skeleton!”
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1. What did Ian look through for Halloween costume ideas?
   a. the basement
   b. a magazine
   c. old clothes
   d. a Halloween store

2. What was Ian's first idea for a costume?
   a. a chef
   b. a nurse
   c. a cowboy
   d. an astronaut

3. Tell why Ian didn't choose any of the costumes from the box.
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4. How did Sir Wags-a-Lot help Ian to pick out his Halloween costume? What costume did he pick?
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Fill in the missing vowels to create words from the story. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

1. s ____ r ____ b s
   hint: doctors and nurses wear these

2. ____________________

3. c ____ ____ e ____
   hint: people dress in these on Halloween

4. ____________________
   hint: made of only bone

5. ____________________
   hint: someone who makes breads and cakes

6. ____________________
   hint: a man who rides horses in the West

7. ____________________
   hint: a holiday in October
In the story, "Ian's Halloween Costume," Ian and Sir Wags-a-Lot are trying to find a Halloween costume for Ian. Ian had a few ideas before he finally found the right one.

Are you dressing up for Halloween this year? Did you have a hard time deciding what to be? Talk about some of your Halloween costume ideas. Then, tell what costume you ended up picking and why you chose that one.
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3. Tell why Ian didn't choose any of the costumes from the box.
   Ian didn't choose any of the costumes from the box because Sir Wags-a-Lot kept barking when he held them up which meant he didn't like them.

4. How did Sir Wags-a-Lot help Ian to pick out his Halloween costume? What costume did he pick?
   Sir Wag-a-Lot helped Ian to pick out his Halloween costume by bringing a bone to show Ian. This inspired him to find old black clothes, paint white lines on it, and turn that outfit into a skeleton costume.
ANSWER KEY

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Fill in the missing vowels to create words from the story. Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell each word correctly.

1. scrubs
   hint: doctors and nurses wear these

2. costumes
   hint: people dress in these on Halloween

3. skeleton
   hint: made of only bone

4. baker
   hint: someone who makes breads and cakes

5. cowboy
   hint: a man who rides horses in the West

6. Halloween
   hint: a holiday in October

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