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## 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."

They went upstairs with Ian's dog, Sir Wags-a-Lot.

Ian looked in the boxes. He held up Dad's old scrubs. "How about a nurse?"

Sir Wags-a-Lot barked.

"No?" He put Dad's scrubs back. He held up Mom's old chef hat. "How about a baker?"

Sir Wags-a-Lot barked.

"No?" Ian put Mom's hat back.

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.

"Where is that dog going?" 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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2. What was Ian's first idea for a costume?
- a. a chef
  - b. a nurse
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Then write the full word on the line. Be sure to spell  
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hint: doctors and nurses wear these

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. c \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ \_ e s

hint: people dress in these on Halloween

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. s \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ t o n

hint: made of only bone

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_ \_ a k \_ \_ r

hint: someone who makes breads and cakes

4. \_\_\_\_\_

5. c \_ \_ w b \_ \_ y

hint: a man who rides horses in the West

5. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_ \_ \_ \_ l l \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ n

hint: a holiday in October

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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.



Handwriting practice lines consisting of solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line for letter height guidance. There are seven sets of these lines provided for writing the student's response.

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**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.**

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