Jackie and Mason sat at the kitchen table. They were all set to paint their pumpkins for the pumpkin painting contest. They had newspaper spread out under their pumpkins and paints of every color. There was just one problem. How would they paint their pumpkins?

“Damon said he’s making his pumpkin look like Frankenstein,” Mason said.

Mason shrugged. “Everyone seems to be doing that.”

“Not everyone,” Jackie said. “Joey is making his look like a silly clown, and Amy is making hers into a princess.”

Mason sat back in his chair and sighed. “There are so many things to do, but how do we know we won’t choose something someone else has already chosen?”

Mom walked into the kitchen carrying a bag of groceries. “You two haven’t painted those pumpkins yet?”

Jackie shook her head. “No. We can’t come up with anything original.”
“Well, you have some orange paint on your cheek. One of the bottles must be leaking.”

Mom chuckled. “You kind of look like a pumpkin yourself, Jackie.”

Look like a pumpkin. That was it! “We can paint our own faces on the pumpkins!” Jackie shouted.

pumpkins, they added wigs for hair. Mason topped his off with a baseball cap. As soon as they finished, they stepped back to admire the pumpkins.

“What do you think, Mom?” Jackie asked.

Mom smiled and nodded. “I think you two will definitely have the most original pumpkins.”

“Yeah, no one will have a pumpkin that looks like either of ours.” Mason said.

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**About the Author**

Check out Kelly Hashway's latest book, *The Perfect Puppy*!

When a stray kitten is raised by a family of dogs, she grows up thinking she is a dog. She fetches, growls, gives paw, and even does her best to bark. She loves her dog family, but when a little girl wants to adopt her and gives her the perfect name, the kitten will have to decide where her home really is.

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   c. Jackie and Mason’s friends
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4. Re-read the following sentence from the story.

   We can’t come up with anything original.

   Choose the best definition for the underlined word.
   a. a common idea
   b. an idea that will be easy
   c. an idea that others will like
   d. an idea that other people haven’t thought of

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Pumpkin Faces
by Kelly Hashway

Match each of the vocabulary words on the left with the correct definition on the right.

____ 1. contest  a. scary creatures wrapped in bandages

____ 2. mummies  b. artificial hair that is worn on the head

____ 3. werewolves  c. competition

____ 4. groceries  d. thin paper that you can see through

____ 5. tracing paper  e. scary creatures who change from people into wolves

____ 6. transfer  f. to move or copy from one place to another

____ 7. wigs  g. to enjoy or appreciate

____ 8. admire  h. food items purchased from a supermarket

Now try this: Re-read the story and highlight each of the vocabulary words.
In the story, “Pumpkin Faces” you read about two children who have trouble deciding what type of face to paint on their pumpkins.

Imagine you had a Halloween pumpkin and you could carve or paint any type of face in it. What type of face would you make? How would you do it?

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   Jackie had orange paint on her face.

4. When Mom told Jackie that she looked like a pumpkin, she was...

   a. worried
   b. kidding
   c. serious
   d. upset

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