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# JACK-O'-LANTERN

At Halloween, many people make jack-o'-lanterns.

A jack-o'-lantern is a lantern made from a pumpkin.

It is called a jack-o'-lantern because of a man called Stingy Jack.

Stingy Jack was mean and stingy.

He loved to lie and steal.

Stingy Jack even tricked the Devil into turning himself into a coin.

The Devil was trapped in the coin.

The Devil promised not to take Stingy Jack's soul.

Stingy Jack liked that promise and freed the Devil.

Stingy Jack died many years later.

He was not welcome in Heaven because he was mean and stingy.

He was not welcome in Hell because the Devil kept his promise.

So, Stingy Jack's lost soul is still on earth.

He carries a lantern made from a pumpkin.

People make jack-o'-lanterns

to scare away lost souls like Stingy Jack.



## JACK-O'-LANTERN

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

What do many people make at Halloween?

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What is a jack-o'-lantern?

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What was Stingy Jack?

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Who did Stingy Jack trick?

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## JACK-O'-LANTERN

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

What did the Devil promise?

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Why was Stingy Jack not welcome in Heaven?

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Where is Stingy Jack now?

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Why do people make jack-o'-lanterns?

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# JACK-O'-LANTERN

At Halloween, many people have a jack-o'-lantern outside their house. A jack-o'-lantern is a lantern made from a pumpkin. It is called a jack-o'-lantern because of an old Irish story about a man called Stingy Jack.

Stingy Jack was mean and stingy. If he had a chance to do something mean, he did it. If he had a chance to steal something, he stole it.

Once, Stingy Jack even tricked the Devil into turning himself into a coin. Stingy Jack put the coin in his pocket next to a cross. The Devil could not turn back because of the cross. Stingy Jack only freed the Devil when he promised he would not take Stingy Jack's soul.

Years later, when Stingy Jack died, his soul could not find a place to rest. He was not welcome in Heaven because he was mean and stingy. He could not get into Hell because the Devil kept his promise, and he did not take Stingy Jack's soul. So, Stingy Jack's lost soul is doomed to wander the earth forever, and he is said to carry a lantern made from a pumpkin.

At Halloween, many people place a jack-o'-lantern outside their door to scare away Stingy Jack and other wandering souls.



## JACK-O'-LANTERN

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

What do people place outside their house?

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What was Stingy Jack like?

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Who did Stingy Jack trick?

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What did the Devil promise?

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## JACK-O'-LANTERN

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

Why was Stingy Jack not welcome in Heaven?

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Why was Stingy Jack not welcome in Hell?

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What is Stingy Jack's soul doomed to do?

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Why do people place a jack-o'-lantern outside their house?

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# JACK-O'-LANTERN

At Halloween, many people place a jack-o'-lantern outside their front door. A jack-o'-lantern is a carved lantern made from a pumpkin. The practice of making jack-o'-lanterns is very old. It originated from an old Irish legend about a man named Stingy Jack.

Stingy Jack got his nickname because he was mean and stingy. If he had a chance to do something mean, he did it. If he had a chance to steal something, he stole it.

On the night of Halloween, the Devil came to claim Stingy Jack's soul. Stingy Jack offered to buy the Devil a drink. The Devil accepted Stingy Jack's offer. However, Stingy Jack was too stingy to pay for the drink. So, Stingy Jack tricked the Devil into turning himself into a coin. But instead of using the coin to pay for the drink, Stingy Jack put the coin in his pocket next to a crucifix. The Devil could not turn back because of the crucifix. Stingy Jack only freed the Devil when he promised he would never claim Stingy Jack's soul.

Years later, when Stingy Jack died, his soul could not find a place to rest. He was not welcome in Heaven because he had been mean and stingy his whole life. He was not welcome in Hell either because the Devil kept his promise, and he did not claim Stingy Jack's soul. So, Stingy Jack's lost soul is doomed to wander the earth forever. He is called Jack of the lantern because he is said to carry a lantern made from a pumpkin to light his way.

At Halloween, many people place a jack-o'-lantern outside their front door to scare away Stingy Jack and other evil souls wandering the earth in the search for a place to rest.





## JACK-O'-LANTERN

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

What do people place outside their front door?

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How did Stingy Jack get his nickname?

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Who did Stingy Jack trick?

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What did the Devil promise?

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## JACK-O'-LANTERN

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

Why was Stingy Jack not welcome in Heaven?

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Why do people place a jack-o'-lantern outside their front door?

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# TRICK OR TREAT

On the evening of Halloween, many kids go from house to house.  
They are dressed in costumes.  
They may be dressed as vampires, zombies, or witches.

At a house, the kids will knock on the door.  
They will say “Trick or treat!”.  
This means that they would like a treat.  
A treat can be candy, chocolate, or cake.

Trick or treat is also a playful threat.  
The kids threaten to play a trick on the people in the house.  
But only if they do not get a treat.

The kids only visit houses that are decorated.  
There may be a jack-o'-lantern outside the houses.  
Or there may be a big skeleton.

The kids do not visit houses that are  
not decorated.



TRICK OR TREAT

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

What do kids do on the evening of Halloween?

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What are the kids dressed as?

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What will the kids say when they knock on a door?

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What is a treat?

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TRICK OR TREAT

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

Who do the kids threaten to play a trick on?

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What houses do the kids visit?

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What might there be outside the houses?

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What houses do the kids not visit?

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# TRICK OR TREAT

During the evening of Halloween, on (the) 31<sup>st</sup> (of) October, many kids go from house to house. They are dressed in both scary and fun costumes. They may be dressed as vampires, zombies, or witches.

When they come to a house, they will knock on the door. When the door is opened, the kids will ask for treats by saying the phrase “Trick or treat!”. Treats can be candy, chocolate, or cake.

The phrase “Trick or treat” is also a playful threat. The kids threaten to play a trick on the people in the house if they do not get a treat. A trick can also be a joke.

The kids follow two unwritten rules when they go from house to house. The first rule is that they do not visit all houses. They only visit houses that are decorated for Halloween. There may be a jack-o'-lantern or a big skeleton outside the house. A house that is decorated for Halloween tells the kids that they are welcome to knock on the door. The kids do not visit houses that are not decorated for Halloween.

The second rule is that the kids only knock on houses with the porch light on.



TRICK OR TREAT

# COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

What happens on the evening of Halloween?

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What are many kids dressed as?

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What does the phrase "Trick or treat" mean?

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How is the phrase also a playful threat?

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TRICK OR TREAT

**COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS**

What is the first rule the kids follow?

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How can you decorate your house for Halloween?

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What is the second rule that the kids follow?

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What houses do the kids not visit?

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# TRICK OR TREAT

On the evening of Halloween, which falls on 31<sup>st</sup> October, many kids traditionally go from house to house dressed in both scary and fun costumes. The kids are often dressed as traditional Halloween characters such as vampires, zombies, or witches.

When the kids arrive at a house, they knock on the front door. When the front door is opened, the kids ask for treats by using the phrase "Trick or treat!". Treats traditionally include candy, chocolate, or cake. However, the phrase "trick or treat" also carries a playful implication. It implies that the kids might play a prank or joke on the people who live in the house if they do not get a treat. While this is rarely taken seriously, the expression adds an element of fun to the tradition of trick-or-treating.

There are two unwritten rules that kids typically follow when participating in trick-or-treating. Firstly, they do not knock on random doors. They only visit houses that are visibly decorated for Halloween. Jack-o'-lanterns may be placed outside the front door or large skeletons may be displayed on the lawn. Such decorations indicate to the kids that they are welcome to knock on the front door. Secondly, the kids will only knock on front doors of houses where the porch light is turned on. A lit porch light serves as a further sign that trick-or-treaters are welcome. In contrast, kids typically avoid houses that are not decorated for Halloween or have their lights turned off, as these indicate the people living in the houses are either not participating or do not wish to be disturbed.

The history of trick-or-treating can be traced back to Scotland and Ireland. It goes at least as far back as the 16<sup>th</sup> century.



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