Try a complete round

Round 1 / full sample / no checkout

Print four pages

Give page 2 to your learner or pair. Keep page 3 at a hint station and page 4 with the host. Choose only one paper size. Read all fictional Halloween words first; passing is welcome.

Play in three parts

Find the six listed words horizontally or vertically, in either direction. No diagonals. Unscramble all three words using each letter once. Then invent two sentences using two round words. Allow about 10 minutes, or adapt the pace.

Help and checking

Read a clue first; reveal a starting cell or first letter only if needed. Hints carry no penalty. Use the separate answer key to check words and coordinates. The final creative response has no single correct answer.

What the full pack adds

Three rounds, Supported and Open versions, host timing plans, progressive hints and complete coordinate answers. This Round 1 is included in the full pack, not an extra puzzle. The online games remain free.

Round 1 / Halloween night

Supported / same round, different support; choose one version

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	M	H	C	T	I	W
2	A	M	I	B	T	Y
3	S	O	B	S	S	D
4	K	O	A	T	O	N
5	G	R	T	W	H	A
6	H	B	F	G	G	C

1 / Find six words

Straight across or up/down, in either direction. No diagonals.

GHOST

WITCH

CANDY

MASK

BROOM

BAT

2 / Unscramble three words

Use every letter once. Ask the host for a hint if needed.

TSOHG _ _ _ _ _

In a spooky story, the spirit of someone who has died.

HCTIW _ _ _ _ _

A storybook character who casts spells and may wear a pointed hat.

YDNAC _ _ _ _ _

Sweet treats given to trick-or-treaters.

3 / Connect the words

Choose two words from this round. Invent a friendly Halloween scene in two sentences.

One word I checked: _____ Help used: _____

Hint station / Round 1

Keep separate / offer one hint at a time; help carries no penalty

Search: first read the meaning; then reveal a starting cell. Row numbers run top to bottom; columns left to right. Coordinates follow one valid occurrence.

Search 1: A spirit in a spooky story. (5 letters)

Next hint: start at row 6, column 5; look up/down.

Search 2: A storybook spell-caster. (5 letters)

Next hint: start at row 1, column 6; look across.

Search 3: Sweet treats. (5 letters)

Next hint: start at row 6, column 6; look up/down.

Search 4: A face covering for a costume. (4 letters)

Next hint: start at row 1, column 1; look up/down.

Search 5: A long-handled sweeping tool. (5 letters)

Next hint: start at row 6, column 2; look up/down.

Search 6: A flying mammal. (3 letters)

Next hint: start at row 3, column 3; look up/down.

Scramble hints / clue, then first letter

1. In a spooky story, the spirit of someone who has died.

Next hint: starts with G; 5 letters.

2. A storybook character who casts spells and may wear a pointed hat.

Next hint: starts with W; 5 letters.

3. Sweet treats given to trick-or-treaters.

Next hint: starts with C; 5 letters.

If a word still feels unfamiliar, read its answer together. Skip a prompt or take a break. Keep the full answer book at the host station.

Answer key / Round 1

For the host / accept every listed occurrence; no diagonals

	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	M	H	C	T	I	W
2	A	M	I	B	T	Y
3	S	O	B	S	S	D
4	K	O	A	T	O	N
5	G	R	T	W	H	A
6	H	B	F	G	G	C

Word / (row,col) to (row,col)

GHOST
(6, 5) to (2, 5)

WITCH
(1, 6) to (1, 2)

CANDY
(6, 6) to (2, 6)

MASK
(1, 1) to (4, 1)

BROOM
(6, 2) to (2, 2)

BAT
(3, 3) to (5, 3)

All search occurrences

The shaded cells show the union of all target cells. Use the coordinate list to trace each word. Either listed occurrence counts once; the same word is not a bonus point.

Scramble answers / in worksheet order

1. TSOHG = GHOST

In a spooky story, the spirit of someone who has died.

2. HCTIW = WITCH

A storybook character who casts spells and may wear a pointed hat.

3. YDNAC = CANDY

Sweet treats given to trick-or-treaters.

Connect: there is no single model answer. Check that the response uses two words from this round and fits the prompt. Invented scenes are welcome; do not score grammar or personal disclosure.