

Escape the Haunted House

Answers for Digit 1

Convert these verbs and adjectives into nouns by adding the **word ending -ance** or **-ence**. How many of the words need the word ending **-ence**?

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| tolerance | intelligence | innocence |
| assistance | independence | radiance |
| observance | confidence | insurance |
| obedience | expectance | hesitance |

Five of these words use the **word ending -ence** to create a noun: **intelligence**, **innocence**, **independence**, **confidence** and **obedience**.

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Answers for Digit 2

Read the sentences below. How many of them are written in the **passive voice**?

The ghosts wail and groan in the haunted house.

The zombie was discovered by the children.

We all went trick-or-treating on our street.

The most sweets will be given by our neighbour, Christine.

Lots of pumpkins will be carved this weekend.

The vampire chased the children down the street.

We love going to the school's Halloween disco.

Only **three** of these sentences are written in the **passive voice**. The rest are written in the active voice.

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Answers for Digit 3

How many of these words are **synonyms** of the word scary?

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| approachable | benevolent | deafening |
| affectionate | thunderous | hair-raising |
| petrifying | frightening | terrifying |
| obliging | booming | friendly |

Four of these words are synonyms of the word scary. They are **hair-raising, petrifying, frightening** and **terrifying**. The rest are synonyms for friendly or loud.

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Answers for Digit 4

How many of these words are examples of **formal vocabulary**?

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| think | love | sincerely |
| greetings | abhor | decision |
| from | adore | hello |
| request | recall | hate |

Seven of these words are examples of formal vocabulary. They are **sincerely, greetings, abhor, decision, adore, request** and **recall**. The rest are informal word choices.

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Answers for Digit 5

Read the sentences below. Count how many sentences contain the **subjunctive mood**.

We got many sweets from the house at the end of the street.

My sister and I ate lots of delicious treats yesterday.

If I were scared of ghosts, I'd hate Halloween.

I enjoyed watching scary movies beneath the blanket.

Were they to enter the house, they would have found a vampire.

The zombie chased us out of the cemetery.

The troll appeared from beneath the rickety bridge.

Two of these sentences contain the **subjunctive mood**. The subjunctive mood is used to indicate a wish or an imaginary situation. It doesn't describe any particular place or time.

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Answers for Digit 6

Read the sentences below. How many of them contain an **adverbial phrase**?

Simone wore her scary costume **with great enthusiasm**.

Grandma Jill went bobbing for apples.

The ghosts could be seen wandering **in the fields**.

Can you spot the zombies **beside the lake**?

My kind grandpa will bake a Halloween cake.

Before long, the street will be overrun by vampires!

The vampire's white teeth glistened.

Four of the sentences contain an **adverbial phrase**. An adverbial phrase is a phrase built around an adverb.

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Answers for Digit 7

Read the sentences below. How many of these sentences contain a **correctly used semi-colon**? Correct any errors you find.

The zombie approached; I screamed in horror.

A vampire came close; his teeth shone in the moonlight.

Dad went mad; my costume had been ruined.

We stopped and listened; we could still hear the werewolves howling.

I feel so lucky; my brother will take me trick-or-treating tomorrow.

Fear grew inside us; we knew the ghouls would soon appear.

Our hair stood on end; the ghostly entity was nearby.

Only **one** of these sentences contains a **correctly used semi-colon**. They should be seen between two closely related but independent clauses.

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Answers for Digit 8

Each of these sentences is missing a word which is a **homophone**. Add the correct word to each sentence. The most common number of letters in the missing words reveals the answer.

We hope the monsters are gone in the **morning**.

We read the chant **aloud** so that the ghost would leave.

The vampire asked me to be a **guest** at his party.

I had to run **farther** than I ever had before.

Have you **heard** that there are zombies on the loose?

The goblin took up the entire **aisle** in the church.

The correct homophones are **morning, aloud, guest, farther, heard** and **aisle**. The most common number of letters in the missing words is **five**.

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Answers for Digit 9

Read the sentences below. How many of these sentences are missing **a hyphen to avoid ambiguity**? Correct any errors you find.

We were chased by a man-eating spider.

I found a half-eaten sweet in my trick-or-treating bucket.

I stared at the green-eyed monster; it terrified me.

The zombie was ice-cold to the touch.

The three witches rode away on their tattered broomsticks.

Anna got lots of sweets from her next-door neighbour.

The cold, spooky wind blew from a north-westerly direction.

Six of these sentences are missing **a hyphen to avoid ambiguity**. These are usually found in compound adjectives.

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Answers for Digit 10

Read the clue and write the answer with one letter in each box. Reveal the hidden letters in the **yellow** squares and rearrange them to spell a number.

An organ which helps to digest food.

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To successfully do something after putting in effort.

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Having a great need or desire for something.

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| d | e | s | p | e | r | a | t | e |
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To convince someone to do something.

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| p | e | r | s | u | a | d | e |
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To make something worse than it actually is.

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The answers are **stomach**, **achieve**, **desperate**, **persuade** and **exaggerate**. The hidden letters spell the number **eight** when rearranged.