

# Halloween Word Games

There are many characters associated with Halloween from literature. There are witches, wizards, monsters, ghosts, goblins, mummies and more. Here is the history of some of those most famous characters.

The legend of witches and wizards is thousands of years old. When people began to discover medicine and heal members of the community this seemed like magic. Those healers were considered witches and wizards. As time went on people began to fear them because their abilities seemed too powerful. There have been many times in history when people would punish those that were deemed to be witches and wizards. However, they are now a source of curiosity and have been a major part of many stories such as Roald Dahl's *Witches*, *Harry Potter*, *Sabrina the Teenage Witch* and more. Witches were associated with the harvest celebration, which solidifies their connection to Halloween.

Dr. Frankenstein's Monster is another notorious character that has inspired many monster characters since its creation in 1823. The author of the story, Mary Shelley, created this character due to some questionable science experiments happening at the time. The Doctor brought a monster to life using science and the monster actually didn't want to be scary, but he was ultimately very frightening.

Ghosts are so symbolic of scary stories that we even call them "Ghost Stories." Ghosts have fascinated people since ancient times and the idea of being able to talk to someone that has passed is a source of great joy and fear. Ghosts have been featured in much literature including *The Christmas Carol*, *Legend of Sleepy Hallow* and more.

Gather the family around for a fun Halloween game! There are so many words and characters related to Halloween. Make learning about different literary characters and discovering new vocabulary words fun for the whole family. It is easy to create your own games and here are a few to get started!



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## Word Scramble

CAN YOU REARRANGE THE LETTERS TO MAKE A WORD ASSOCIATED WITH HALLOWEEN?

1. HTWIC \_\_\_\_\_
2. STONEMR \_\_\_\_\_
3. GSTHO \_\_\_\_\_
4. TTPROE RRYHA \_\_\_\_\_
5. SACREP HET ENDFRILY GSTHO \_\_\_\_\_
6. ZWARIAD \_\_\_\_\_
7. UMMYM \_\_\_\_\_
8. CKBLA TAC \_\_\_\_\_
9. UMPKPIN \_\_\_\_\_

Try it yourself. There are so many that you can create! Mix up the letters in some of your favorite Halloween words and see if your sibling, parent or grandparent can solve the word scramble.

## Word List

HOW MANY DIFFERENT WORDS CAN YOU MAKE OUT OF THE PHRASE: HAVE A HAPPY HALLOWEEN?

### STEPS

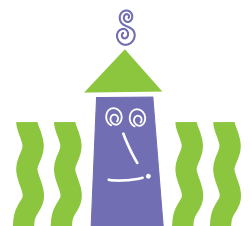
1. Put a timer on for 2 – 4 minutes and have everyone write down as many words as they can think of using only the letters found in the phrase above.
2. Who ever has the most real words once the time is up wins!
3. Try it yourself. Create your own word or phrase and keep the challenge going.

## Homemade Scattergories

### STEPS

1. Make up categories related to Halloween.
2. Pick a letter and see who can come up with the most unique answers in each category that starts with that letter. Here are some to get you started:

- A Halloween Character
- Something Scary
- A Halloween Costume
- Type of Candy
- Something Related to Fall



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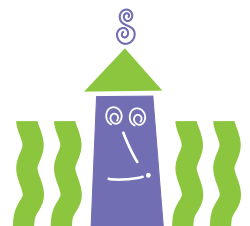
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## Halloween Mad Lib

1. Create a fun Mad Lib with a Halloween character theme. Here is one to get you started.
2. Ask your child to give you the words to fill in the story before reading it out loud.

There once was a \_\_\_\_\_ witch. She like to  
(ADJECTIVE)  
make \_\_\_\_\_ with her friendly \_\_\_\_\_. They  
(PLURAL NOUN) (PERSON)  
would \_\_\_\_\_ them at the store and then go to the  
(VERB)  
\_\_\_\_\_. On Halloween night she would dress up like  
(PLACE)  
a \_\_\_\_\_ and give out \_\_\_\_\_ to children with  
(CHARCTER) (NOUN)  
her \_\_\_\_\_ cat.  
(ADJECTIVE)

TIP: Write the full story then take out keywords to create the mad lib.



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