

Escape the House Clue for Digit 1

How many of these words can be made into new words by adding the suffix

-ness?

dark	ghost	pumpkin	ill
witch	sad	treat	cat
worm	spell	rude	spider

Clue: Try adding -ness to the end of each of these words. Which make sense? Can you use them in a sentence?

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Some of these pairs of words can be turned into contractions. How many?

can not	they fly	he did
we are	trick or	I am
pumpkin patch	black cat	did not
dress up	she will	hocus pocus

Clue: A contraction is when two words go together to make one word. An apostrophe is used to show where the missing letters and spaces were.

Escape the House Clue for Digit 3

Some of these words can be combined together to make compound words. How many compound words can you make in total?

cob mid stick chills

witch web fangs stone

night scary craft moon

goblin broom tomb fog

Clue: A compound word is when two words go together to make one word. Try saying two of these words together. Does it make sense? Can you use it in a sentence?

Escape the House Clue for Digit 4

Can you choose the correct co-ordinating conjunction (or, and or but) to complete these sentences? How many times is the conjunction but used?

Next year shall I dress up as a vampire bat ____ a witch's cat?

Everything is covered in dust ____ the doors all creak eerily.

I want to go home _____ we are locked inside this creepy house!

Would you like a bowl of treats ____ would you like a nasty trick?

I heard something ____ my friend heard something too.

I love Halloween ____ this is getting seriously scary...

Do you think we'll crack the code ___ will we be locked in here forever?

Clue: Try reading these sentences out loud using different conjunctions. Which ones sound right?

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Can you choose the correct subordinating conjunction (if, that or because) to complete these sentences? How many times is the conjunction because used?

I am dressing up as a spider _____ it will give my dad a fright.

We can go trick-or-treating _____ we are back before it gets dark.

They snuck into the house _____ is said to be haunted.

I like Halloween _____ it is so much fun!

We will look back and laugh at this _____ we ever get out of here!

I can't see anything in here _____ it's so dark.

Clue: Try reading these sentences out loud using different conjunctions. Which ones sound right?

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These sentences are all missing punctuation. Can you add in the punctuation and find out how many of these sentences are exclamation sentences?

Do you turn into a wolf when the moon is full

How high the witch flew on her broomstick

The ghost played a pesky prank on everyone

Do you want to make a Halloween pizza with me

The ghosts are actually quite friendly

How many people came to the pumpkin carving party

Clue: An exclamation sentence starts with 'How' or 'What' and contains a verb and a noun.

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The wizard's spells are not working! This is because he's forgotten to use commas in lists. How many commas are missing?

"Toad worm frog and bat. Turn this child into a rat!"

"Snake flower leaf and toe. Turn the teacher into a crow!"

"Hair nail mud and a wish. Turn your friend into a fish!"

"Lizard beetle cat and newt. Turn this house into a boot!"

Clue: A comma is used between all words in a list, except between the last two words when 'and' is used instead.

Escape the House Clue for Digit 8

How many expanded noun phrases can you find in this story?

There once lived two terrible, terrifying ghosts. They loved nothing more than playing nasty, mean tricks on people. One windy, moonlit Halloween night the ghosts decided to play the ultimate trick on some innocent, unsuspecting children. They hid behind a crumbling, ancient gravestone and when the children walked past they jumped out and shouted, "Boo!"

Clue: An expanded noun phrase is a phrase that describes a noun using two or more adjectives.

Escape the House Clue for Digit 9

There are lots of common exception words spelt incorrectly in this story. How many spelling mistakes can you spot?

Darren invited evrybodee in his class to his house for an apple-bobbing party. He warned the childrin to wear owld klothes because they might get wet. It was a lot of fun bobbing for apples but mowst of them got covered in warter! If you got a hwole apple you could eat it with shugar. It was like Krismas!

Clue: Look for the words that don't look right, or don't follow common spelling rules.

Escape the House Clue for Digit 10

How many of these sentences are written in the past progressive tense?

The witch rides her broomstick past the moon.

We went trick-or-treating last year and it was fine!

The children are looking for the last clue.

We were looking all over the house for the final clue.

I looked in the basement.

The clue was hiding inside a dusty chest.

We are going to get out of here!

Clue: The past progressive tense describes an action that was in progress in the past. Past progressive sentences usually include was or were and an -ing suffix.