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# Halloween



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# Halloween Elementary Teaching Resources

## What Does This Pack Include?

This pack has been created by teachers, for teachers. In it you'll find high quality teaching resources to help you and your students learn some de-frightful facts about Halloween.

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<b>CRITICAL THINKING QUESTIONS:</b>	
<b>Pre-K – Grade 2</b>	<b>Grades 3-6</b>
Discuss what students think they would find inside a pumpkin and how they would carve their own.	Discuss which different materials can be used to make Halloween costumes.

<b>FACT SHEETS:</b>	
<b>Pre-K – Grade 2</b>	<b>Grades 3-6</b>
Discover how people in the US celebrate Halloween.	Explore different Halloween traditions and celebrations across the world.

<b>ACTIVITY SHEETS AND ANSWERS:</b>	
<b>Pre-K – Grade 2</b>	<b>Grades 3-6</b>
Put the pages of a book in order to show how a pumpkin grows.	Conduct an experiment to make slime and note down the results.

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Granny and Manu are carving a pumpkin.



What will they find inside?

Inside the pumpkin, it is very gooey. This is the pulp of the pumpkin. Granny and Manu clean out the pulp and find lots of pumpkin seeds. Granny cleans the seeds and bakes them. They make a yummy treat.

**What will happen if they plant the seeds?**



**How would you carve your pumpkin?**

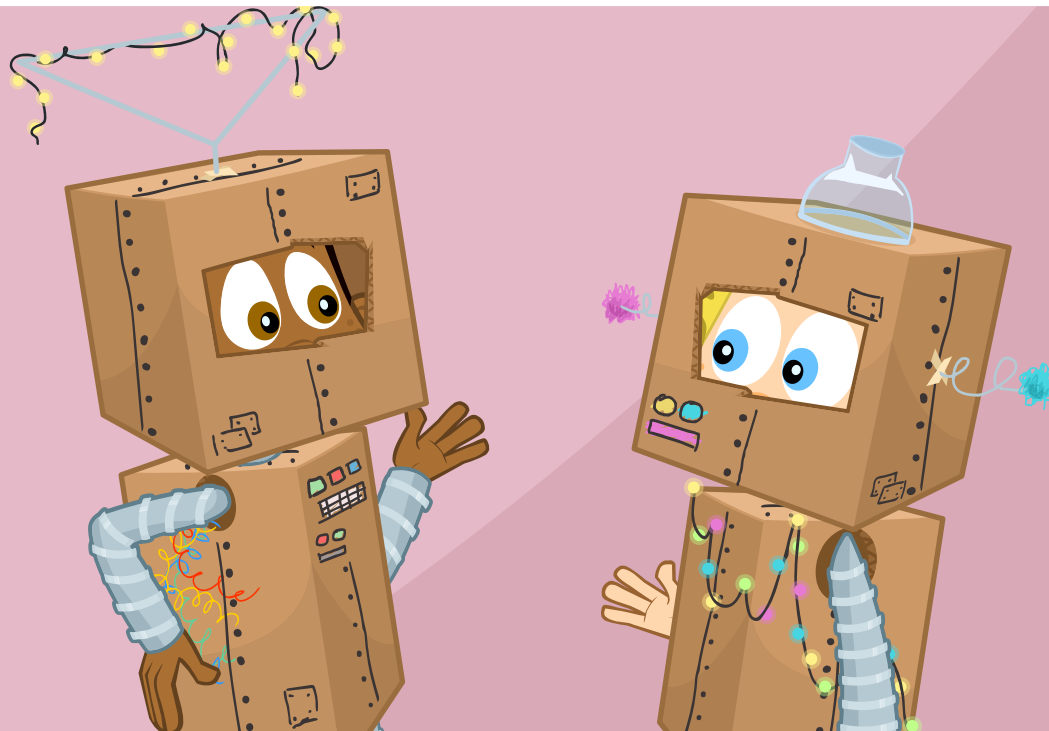
Manu and Sten are making Halloween costumes.



Manu wants to be a robot.  
How can he use these materials to make a robot that has lights?

One way that Manu can make a robot costume is use the box to make the body.  
To light up the buttons, he can connect their wires to the battery.  
He can use the tubes to make arms.

**How can Sten use the materials to make an astronaut costume?**



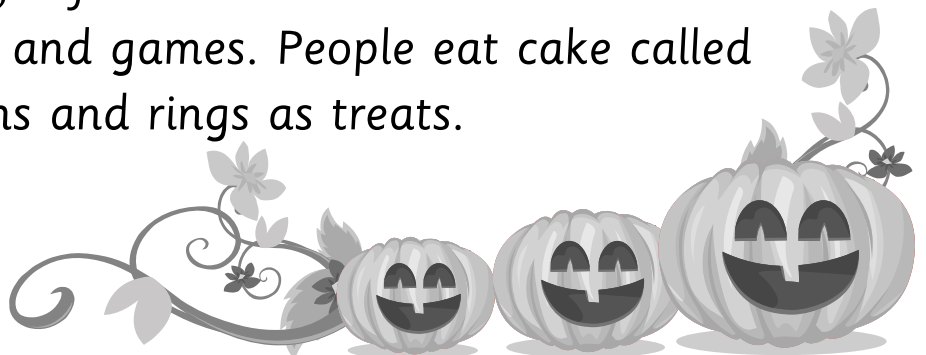
**What costume would you make from the materials?**

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- In the United States many people celebrate Halloween.
- They make special foods like caramel apples and pumpkin muffins.
- They may decorate their homes with scarecrows and pumpkins.
- Some people like to carve pumpkins and toast the pumpkin seeds.
- Some families like to dress up in costumes and go trick-or-treating.
- **Did you know that other countries have celebrations like Halloween?**

In Ireland and Scotland, a festival called Samhain is celebrated. There are large bonfires and games. People eat cake called barmbrack that has coins and rings as treats.



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- In Mexico, some people celebrate Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. People honor their family members who have passed away. Special displays of food are made. Families put out candy and toys for the children.
- Near Tokyo, Japan, there is a huge Kawasaki Halloween parade. It is the biggest parade in all of Japan. There are nearly 4,000 people in costumes.
- In the Philippines, some families celebrate Pangangaluluwa. Children wear costumes and go from house to house singing songs.





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- In the United States people celebrate Halloween in many ways. They may eat special foods like caramel apples, pumpkin seeds, and candy corn. Some people decorate their homes with scarecrows or pumpkins. They may do special activities like trick-or-treating or carving pumpkins.
- Do you know how Halloween came to be celebrated in the United States? It started in Europe where the Celtic people celebrated Samhain every October 31st. They would light bonfires and wear costumes on this day.
- Later, Pope Gregory III said All Saints' Day would be celebrated on November 1st. All Saints' Day was also called All Hallows' Day. The night before was called All Hallows' Eve, which eventually became Halloween.
- Many of our Halloween traditions can be traced back to these early celebrations. For example, during the old celebrations, people would often put candles inside of turnips. In America, many pumpkins were available, so they were used rather than turnips. This is where the tradition of carving pumpkins started.

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- In early America, there were few Halloween celebrations. However, as more immigrants came, they brought their traditions with them. In colonial times people would tell scary stories. Around 1900, it became popular to have holiday parties. In the 1920s, trick-or-treating became popular.
- There are many types of Halloween celebrations across the world.
- In Mexico, some people celebrate Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead. People honor their family members who have passed away. Special displays of food are made. Families put out candy and toys for the children.
- In the Philippines, some families celebrate Pangangaluluwa. On this day, children wear costumes and go from house to house singing songs.
- In Cambodia, Pchum Ben is celebrated. Families celebrate relatives who have died. They have special food like sticky rice and beans that are wrapped in banana leaves.



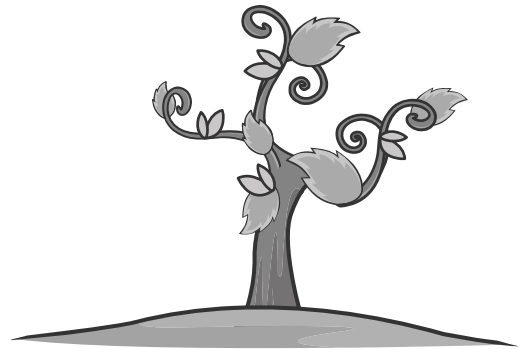
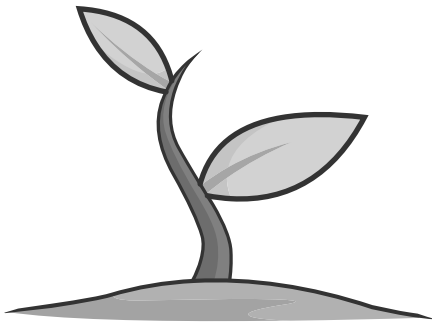
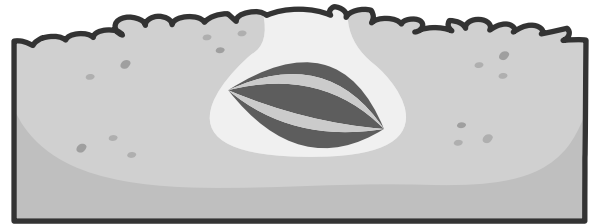
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Make a minibook.  
Cut out the pages.  
Put the pages in order to show how a pumpkin grows.  
Write words or sentences to tell what is happening on each page.  
Staple the pages to make a book.



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## How to Grow a Pumpkin

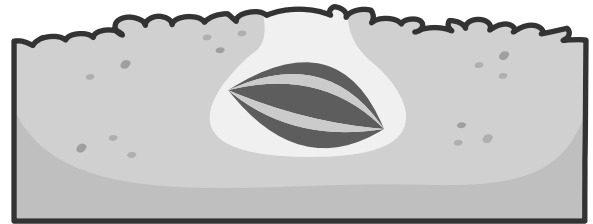


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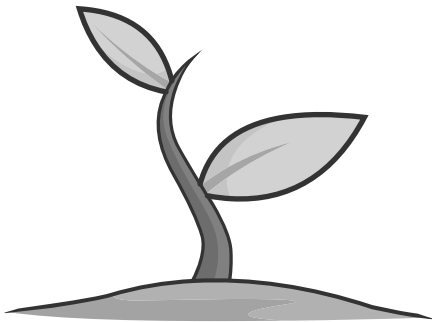
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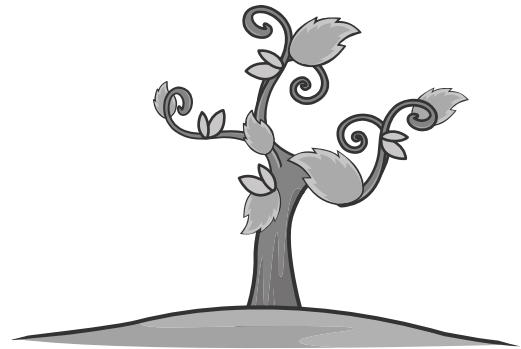
The pumpkin seed is  
planted in the ground.



The pumpkin seed sprouts  
and a seedling grows.



The seedling grows  
into a vine.



A flower grows on  
the vine.



The flower turns into  
a pumpkin



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Let's make some slime for Halloween

Here's what you will need:

2 clear plastic cups

ruler

craft glue

water

food coloring

borax powder

plastic spoon

tablespoon

**With an adult's help, follow these steps.**

- 1 Fill one of the plastic cups  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the way with water.
- 2 Add 1 tablespoon of the borax powder. Stir.
- 3 Measure 1 inch from the bottom on the second cup and make a mark.
- 4 Fill the second cup with glue up to the 1-inch mark.
- 5 Add some food coloring to the glue and stir.
- 6 Add one tablespoon of the borax solution to the glue.
- 7 Observe what happens for 30 minutes. Then you can remove the slime from the cup and play with it.
- 8 Store the slime in a plastic zipper bag. Remember to keep it away from carpet, clothing, and hair.

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**1** Describe what happened when you mixed the borax powder and water.

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**2** Describe what happened when you mixed the borax solution and the glue.

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**3** Describe the slime.

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- 1** Describe what happened when you mixed the borax powder and water.

**They combined to make a solution.**

**Possible response**

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- 2** Describe what happened when you mixed the borax solution and the glue.

**They combined to make a compound.**

**Possible response**

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- 3** Describe the slime.

**It has properties of both a solid and a liquid.**

**Possible response**

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