

Halloween: What are you scared of?

1. Read the conversation and say which teenager will wear which costume below.

Tucker: "So, what are you going to dress up as for Halloween this year? I was thinking about going as a vampire! I love vampires."

Jack: "Didn't you wear a vampire costume last year? Vampires are so lame!"

Tucker: "Yeah, you're right, I hate vampires, they suck."

Meg: "Are you kidding me? Vampires are awesome! I wish my parents would let me go as a vampire. They always want me to dress up as a stupid princess. I can't stand princesses."

Elsa: "Well, this is awkward. I'm actually dressing up as a princess this year."

Meg: "I mean... sorry Elsa, you're going to look great as a princess. It's just not my style."

Tucker: "You have style? That's news to me!"

Meg: "Shut up Tucker! Maybe you should dress up as a mummy, so we don't have to see your ugly face!"

Tucker: "Nope, I'm going as something much cooler, I'm going to wear a superhero costume!"

Jack: "Cool, me too!"

Elsa: "Jack, maybe you should just go as a dog and follow Tucker around?"

Tucker: "No way, don't do that, I'm scared of dogs!"

Meg: "Well in that case, I know what I'm wearing! Maybe I can make the tail at home?"

Tucker: "Meg, that's not funny, I'm really scared of them!"

Meg: "I'm not kidding. I'll see you there. Woof."

Jack: "Hold on, I just had a great idea, I'll go as the scariest thing of all, Mr Clarkson, our English teacher!"





2. Match the underlined words from exercise 1 to their definitions on the right.

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| a) <u>Lame</u> 4 | 1. An informal way of saying something is bad |
| b) <u>Sucks</u> 1 | 2. Fantastic, amazing. |
| c) <u>Are you kidding me?</u> 7 | 3. Stop talking right now. |
| d) <u>Awesome</u> 2 | 4. The opposite of cool. |
| e) <u>Awkward</u> 8 | 5. Wait. |
| f) <u>Shut up</u> 3 | 6. If that is the situation. |
| g) <u>In that case</u> 6 | 7. This must be a joke. |
| h) <u>Hold on</u> 5 | 8. Socially uncomfortable. |



3. Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

- When was the last time you wore a costume? What did you wear?
- Do you normally dress up for Halloween? Do you know anyone who does?
- If you had to wear one of the costumes from exercise 1, which would you wear and why?
- Do people celebrate Halloween in your country? Do you think it's a fun day?

She Wants / She Doesn't Want

When we are talking about general truths, we use the 'present simple tense.' This tense is often used with the verb 'want.'

For example: "I want a lot of candy for Halloween." (positive sentence)

"I don't want to go to a Halloween party." (negative sentence)

"Do you want to wear a costume for Halloween?" (closed question)

"What type of costume do you want to wear?" (open question)

For positive sentences about 'he', 'she', or 'it' subjects, the verb ends in an 's.' For negative sentences and questions, the verb does not end with an 's', but 'do' becomes 'does.'

For example: "He wants a lot of candy for Halloween." (positive sentence)

"She doesn't want to go to a Halloween party." (negative sentence)

"Does he want to wear a costume for Halloween?" (closed question)

"What type of costume does Tucker want to wear?" (open question)



4. The teenagers are going trick or treating, knocking on doors and asking for candy. Read the conversation and say which house each teenager wants to go to, and why.

Elsa: "So, which door should we knock on first? I like the house with the ghost puppies, that looks really cute!"

Jack: "Puppies on Halloween? Lame! We should go to the scariest house, the one with skeletons!"

Meg: "You just don't want to go to the house with puppy decorations because you're scared of dogs! But... Mrs Jackson lives there, and she always gives kids fruit, so not there."

Tucker: "Hold on a minute, look at that house it has spider web decorations everywhere. It looks super spooky, let's go there!"

Jack: "Those... those aren't decorations Tucker. That's Mr Mansfield's house. It always looks like that. I heard he's crazy, that's too scary, even for me."

Elsa: "Agreed, my mum told me to stay away from that place. I'm not scared of Mr Mansfield, but I am scared of my mum!"

Tucker: "But it's Halloween! You're supposed to do scary things! I've never even seen Mr Mansfield, I want to know what he looks like!"

Meg: "Sorry Tucker, but that place is too much. I think it's actually haunted. Sometimes I see weird lights in the windows. How about we go to the house with pumpkins instead? Somebody put in a lot of effort to make those Halloween pumpkins, which means they probably have good candy!"

Tucker: "No way, my uncle lives there and he always tells my mum if I eat too much candy. How about the house with all the monsters, like the mummies and Frankenstein! That looks pretty awesome!"

Meg: "Ok, that looks good, let's go knock on the door!"





5. Now write two sentences about each teenager. Write one for which house they want to go to, one for which house they *don't* want to go to, and why.

For example: "Jack doesn't want to go to house number 3 because he's scared of dogs."

Jack: *Jack doesn't want to go to house 3 because he's scared of dogs, he wants to go to house 4 because he thinks it's the scariest house (except for house 1.)*

Elsa: *Elsa wants to go to house 3 because she thinks dogs are cute, doesn't want to go to house 1 because her mum told her not to.*

Tucker: *Tucker wants to go to house one because it's the scariest, and he has never seen Mr Mansfield. He doesn't want to go to house 2 because his uncle lives there and will tell his mum if he eats too much candy.*

Meg: *Meg doesn't want to go to house 2 because the woman who lives there gives fruit not candy, and she wants to go to house 3 because anybody who puts so much work in their decorations will probably have a lot of candy.*



6. Ask and answer the questions with a partner.

- Which house from exercise 4 would you find the scariest, and why?
- Do you ever decorate your house? When do you do that, and what decorations do you use?
- Do people in your country decorate their homes for public holidays?
- If your neighbour decorated their house with skeletons and pumpkins for Halloween, how would you feel?
- Are there usually a lot of Christmas decorations in public around Christmas time in your country?





7. The teenagers are knocking on the door of the house decorated with monsters. Read the conversation and match the underlined words to the definitions below.

Elsa: "Ok, who wants to knock on the door?"

Jack: "Meg can do it."

Meg: "Are you kidding me? Why me? Jack, are you scared of knocking on a door?? Oh my God, don't be such a wimp!"

Jack: "What! I'm not a wimp! I'm a superhero, and superheroes are super brave!"

Elsa: "Then why don't you show us how brave you are and knock on the door?"

Tucker: "He's not scared, he's just shy."

Meg: "Shy? I've never seen Jack be shy with anyone in my life!"

Tucker: "He's not shy with people he knows, but he's really shy with strangers."

Jack: "Shut up Tucker, I'm not shy! Superheroes are never shy. But... I dare you to knock on the door Tucker!"

Tucker: "What? I'm not going to knock just because you dare me to!"

Elsa: "Oh my God, this is so lame. Fine, I'll do it. This house isn't even that creepy."

Elsa knocks on the door

Tucker: "Thank you. Who does this house belong to anyway?"

Meg: "Hold on... isn't this... Mr Clarkson's house??"

Tucker: "Mr... wait what? Mr Clarkson our English teacher??"

Mr Clarkson opens the door

Mr Clarkson: "Hello children, Happy Halloween... Tucker that's an... interesting costume."

Meg: "Well this is awkward."



a) People you don't know. **Strangers**

b) To challenge someone to do something difficult, scary, or risky. **dare**

c) A person who is easily scared. **wimp**

d) Describes someone who will do scary things without letting fear stop them. **Brave**

e) Something that is weird in a way that makes you feel uncomfortable or scared. **Creepy**

f) Nervous or uncomfortable when talking to other people. **Shy**