

Trick or Treat

“Hurry, children. It’s almost time to go!”

Nancy took one last look in the mirror. She liked her costume. She was a cat for Halloween. Her shirt and pants were both black. Her mother had made ears to go on her headband and a tail to pin to her back. She had drawn a black nose and whiskers on her face.

Nancy turned to help her little sister finish putting on her wings. Kat was a fairy. Kat was a fairy every year. She never wanted a different costume. She thought Kat should have wanted to be a cat. Nancy had to admit that Kat made a very cute fairy. She just didn’t understand why she never wanted to try something new. Why couldn’t she be an angel or even a butterfly? They both had wings. The two girls ran down the stairs. Their mother and father were waiting for them.

“You two look very scary,” their father said.

“Oh, Daddy,” Kat laughed. “Why do I have to tell you every Halloween? Fairies aren’t scary.”

“Can cats be scary?” he asked Nancy.

Nancy nodded her head. She liked the idea of being a scary cat; she just didn’t want to be a scaredy cat. There would be lots of ghosts and goblins out on Halloween. She didn’t want any of the other children’s costumes to scare her.

The girls’ mother handed each one a bag for their treats. They were just about to leave when their father turned around and stopped.

“Wait!”

“What’s wrong, Daddy?” both girls asked at the same time.

“You are both forgetting something.” The two girls did not know what he meant. Then he pulled out a big bowl of treats. “You forgot to say ‘trick or treat’ at your very first house!”

It took the girls less than a second to say the magic words.

A Spooky Night

Many years ago, some people celebrated the start of the new year on a different day than we do today. Long ago, some groups of people celebrated November 1 as the first day of the year. They called this special day All Souls Day. They believed the night before All Souls Day was a special day, too. They thought that on October 31, the world of the living and the land of the dead could mix.

They called this night All Hallow's Eve. People believed ghosts could come out on this night. They would light huge bonfires to keep away evil spirits. People also cut scary faces into pumpkins to keep away bad things. Today, we call these pumpkins jack-o'-lanterns. Today, we celebrate Halloween on October 31.



Trick-or-treating is another fun part of Halloween. No one knows for sure how trick-or-treating began. In the United States, most children did not start going door to door for candy until after World War II.

The idea to go trick-or-treating began to show up in magazines and cartoons. People also started wearing costumes for Halloween. Both children and adults enjoy dressing up for this celebration.

Today, there are many fun things to do on Halloween. Some people have cookouts. Other people have hayrides. Still, others like to go to haunted houses. The best part of Halloween is just being with friends and family and having fun. Even if you do not like to go trick-or-treating, it is fun to see what costumes everyone is wearing. You never know who will come to your door on Halloween night. You might see a ghost. You might come across a pirate. You might even see a witch! But, if you're really lucky, your Halloween holiday will be all treats and no tricks!

**UNIT 19
QUESTIONS****Name****Date**

The following pages have questions based on the texts from Unit 19. You may look at the stories to help answer any questions. Use the back of the page if you need extra space for writing your answers.

1 Which sentence from "Trick or Treat" has a compound word?

- ☐ a She had drawn a black nose and whiskers on her face.
- ☐ b Why couldn't she be an angel or even a butterfly?
- ☐ c The girls' mother handed each one a bag for their treats.
- ☐ d It took the girls less than a second to say the magic words.

2 Which sentence is NOT true?

- ☐ a Some people used to celebrate November 1 as the first day of the year.
- ☐ b People cut faces into pumpkins to scare away evil spirits.
- ☐ c People have always gone trick-or-treating on Halloween.
- ☐ d Today, Halloween is celebrated on October 31.

3 Put the three events in order. Write each letter on the correct line.

- a. Nancy and Kat got treats at their house.
- b. Nancy and Kat finished putting on their costumes
- c. Nancy and Kat ran down the stairs of their house.

1st _____ **2nd** _____ **3rd** _____

4 What costume did Kat always wear?

- ☐ a a cat costume
- ☐ b a butterfly costume
- ☐ c an angel costume
- ☐ d a fairy costume

5 What do the two texts have in common?

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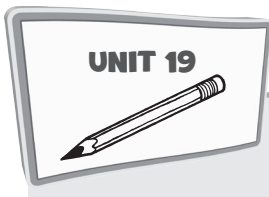
- 6** What did Kat and Nancy forget to do?
- ☐ a They forgot to put on Kat's wings.
 - ☐ b They forgot to draw whiskers on Nancy's face.
 - ☐ c They forgot to wait for their parents.
 - ☐ d They forgot to go trick-or-treating at their own house.

- 7** Which sentence from the story helped you to answer #6?

- 8** Which statement is a fact about Halloween?
- ☐ a Halloween is fun because everyone gets candy.
 - ☐ b Halloween is a very scary holiday.
 - ☐ c Halloween is always on October 31.
 - ☐ d Halloween should be everyone's favorite holiday.

- 9** Why did people light fires on All Hallows' Eve?
- ☐ a to stay warm
 - ☐ b to use for cooking
 - ☐ c to have more light
 - ☐ d to keep away evil spirits

- 10** Write the sentence from the text that helped you to answer #9.



Time to Write!

All holidays start somewhere. Imagine you get to create your very own holiday! Use the space below to help make your special day happen.

What is the name of your new holiday?

When is your new holiday?

What do you do on your holiday?

What makes your holiday special?

Do you give or get gifts on your holiday? Explain your answer.

Who celebrates your new holiday and why?

Answer Key

Unit 1

1. b
2. d
3. c
4. Answers will vary.
5. d
6. The stripes represent the original 13 colonies.
7. They are always traveling.
- 8.–10. Answers will vary.

Unit 2

1. a
2. a
3. a
4. Answers will vary but must explain the answer chosen for #3.
5. b
- 6.–7. Answers will vary.
8. b
9. Answers will vary.
10. safety pin

Unit 3

1. b
2. d
3. The other waterfall is in Canada.
4. 😊
5. Answers will vary but must show Candy is happy about the move.
6. c
7. a
8. a
9. b
10. Answers will vary but must show Candy likes new experiences.

Unit 4

1. b
2. c
3. d
4. "We don't want to leave anything out, or we might have some uninvited guests," Jesse's dad explained.
5. Answers will vary.
6. tent, backpack, motor home
7. backpack
8. Answers will vary.
9. b
10. a

Unit 5

1. d
2. d
3. He couldn't wait to have another chance to talk in front of the class.
4. a

5. Answers will vary.
6. a
7. a
8. c
9. b
10. Answers will vary.

Unit 6

1. c
2. b
3. Answers will vary.
4. b
5. The cactus is prickly and was a present.
6. a
7. b
8. Answers will vary.
9. b
10. The cactus will not do well or may even die.

Unit 7

1. c
2. Answers will vary.
3. b
4. Answers will vary.
5. d
6. Answers will vary.
7. b
8. He hoped the school would have another contest very soon.
9. a
10. Answers will vary.

Unit 8

1. d
2. d
3. a
4. Answers will vary.
5. He had been waiting for the weather to be perfect.
6. b
7. Answers will vary.
8. b
9. d
10. a

Unit 9

1. a
2. b
3. She was very scared.
4. b
5. b
6. Answers will vary.
7. d
8. He wants to start a sticker chart as a reward system.
9. It worked for him when he was afraid to go to the dentist.
10. b