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Pumpkin Faces

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Jackie and Mason sat at the kitchen table.

They were all set to paint their pumpkins for the pumpkin painting contest.

They had newspaper spread out under their pumpkins and paints of



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one of those.

Mason shrugged. "Everyone seems to be doing that."

"Not everyone," Jackie said. "Joey is making his look like a silly clown, and Amy is making hers into a princess."

Mason sat back in his chair and sighed. "There are so many things to do, but how do we know we won't choose something someone else has already chosen?"

Mom walked into the kitchen carrying a bag of groceries.



"You two haven't painted those pumpkins yet?"

Jackie shook her head. "No. We can't come up with anything original."

"Well, you have some orange paint on your cheek. One of the bottles must be leaking." Mom chuckled. "You kind of look like a pumpkin yourself, Jackie."

Look like a pumpkin. That was it! "We can paint our own faces on the pumpkins!" Jackie shouted.

"Cool idea, but how would we do it?" Mason asked.

"You could trace your school pictures hanging in the hallway," Mom said. "We have some tracing paper in the closet. Then transfer the images to the pumpkins and paint them."



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original pumpkins."

"Yeah, no one will have a pumpkin that looks like either of ours." Mason said.



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1. What is the setting of this story? Tell where and when it takes place.



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4. When Mom told Jackie that she looked like a pumpkin, she was...
 - a. worried
 - b. kidding
 - c. serious
 - d. upset

5. Re-read the following sentence from the story.

We can't come up with anything original.

Choose the best definition for the underlined word.

- a. a common idea
- b. an idea that will be easy
- c. an idea that others will like
- d. an idea that other people haven't thought of

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Match each vocabulary word from the story to the correct definition.



1. _____ contest a. scary creatures wrapped in



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4. _____ groceries d. thin paper that you can see through
5. _____ tracing paper e. scary creatures who change from people into wolves
6. _____ transfer f. to move or copy from one place to another
7. _____ wigs g. to enjoy or appreciate
8. _____ admire h. food items purchased from a supermarket

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In the story, "Pumpkin Faces" you read about two children who have trouble deciding what type of face to paint on their pumpkins.

Imagine you had a Halloween pumpkin and you could carve or paint any type



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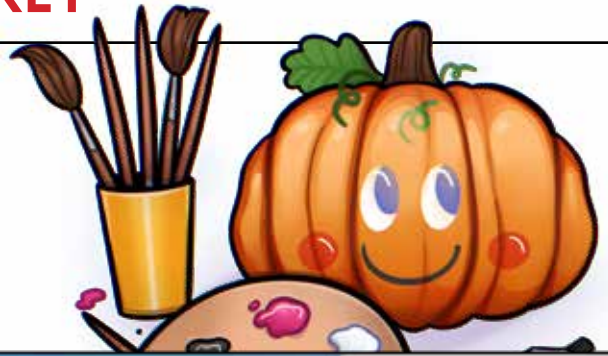


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ANSWER KEY

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