



# How to write a scary Halloween story!



## Task:

- You will write a scary Halloween story using the elements (character, setting, time and situation) that you have chosen.
- You will pick different elements (character, setting, time, situation) for your story and use these to create your own scary story!

## Rules:

- The character that you picked needs to be the main character in your story but you can add more characters if you wish.
- Most of your story needs to take place at the setting that you have picked but it doesn't have to be the only setting in the story.
- Be creative and add your own componets to the story to make it interesting and logical !

Before you start writing your story you should have a brainstorm – or mindmapping activity where you outline your story !

## Writing :

- your story will be about 200 words long.
- You will write your story in your notebook and the let 2-3 classmates read it. They should give you feedback and correct spelling/grammar mistakes!
- You can write this story on the computer if you want to.



## Peer feedback for your Halloween story:

Name	Spelling mistakes	What I like about your story...	What I would change in this story...

# Halloween story map



character:

time:

setting:

situation/problem:

beginning

middle

end/solution

# Spooky Word list

CREATURE      broomstick      WICKED      bizarre  
grim      chilling      brew      magic  
shadows      **AFRAID**      fortune      creepy      frightful  
tricks      horrify      darkness  
madness      boo      **FRANKENSTEIN**  
**scream**      spell      mummy      howl  
spirits      goblin      **HAUNTED**      graveyard  
eerie      jeepers      BROOM  
potions      ghostly      fog      Hocus Pocus

Your own spooky words:

## Examples:

### The Graveyard Wager

A group of young girls were having a slumber party one night and began to exchange ghost stories. One girl claimed that she heard that an old man who had died earlier that week had been buried alive in the graveyard down the street. She claimed that if you tried, you could hear him still scratching at the lid of his coffin.

The other girls called her bluff and told her that she wouldn't do it. They said she was too afraid to go down there to the grave that very night. They continued to challenge her and eventually she gave into the peer pressure and accepted the dare. Since she was going to go alone, she needed to prove to the others that she actually followed through with the task. She was supposed to take a stake with her and drive it into the ground so the next day the girls would know that she had been to the grave.

She headed off to the gravesite, stake in hand, and never returned. The other girls assumed she had "chickened out" and had just gone home ashamed.

The next morning as they passed the graveyard they saw her there at the old man's grave. She had accidentally staked her nightshirt to the ground and when she tried to run from the grave and couldn't,... she died of fright right on the grave!

# The china doll

**A beautiful 8 year old girl, Izzy,** got this adorable china doll for her birthday. She called her Sam. One day Izzy was playing with her doll until her mom called her for bed. Izzy put the doll in the basement and went up to bed.

In the middle of the night she heard weird noises. Then she heard "China doll, china doll in the basement, china doll, china doll on the stairs, china doll, china doll in your parents room, now they're dead." Izzy fell back into a troubled sleep.

In the morning she raced to her parents room and they were dead. She cried as her brother planned the funeral. Izzy did not play with Sam that day. She went up to bed early and fell asleep.

In the middle of the night she heard chanting again. China doll, china doll in the basement, china doll, china doll on the stairs, china doll, china doll in your parents room, china doll, china doll in your brothers room now he's dead." Izzy shivered and fell into another troubling sleep.

In the morning she went to her brothers room, he was dead. She spent the day in her room and wouldn't come out. Night fell again and she went to sleep.

She heard the chanting again. "China doll, china doll in the basement, china doll, china doll on the stairs, china doll, china doll in your parents room, china doll, china doll in your brothers room, china doll, china doll in your room." She gazed up to see the doll. "Now you're...dead!"

The police found her the next day with no sign of the murderer. All they heard was chuckling in the distance. The chuckle of a brown haired, brown eyed china doll, on

the hunt for her next victims.

Some help to get you started.....

# 10 HORRIFYING HORROR STORY PROMPTS

Here are 10 horror story prompts that should give you the chills, and get you writing something scary. Warning if these don't scare you, you are most-likely a zombie, vampire, werewolf or ghost. If you are unaware of being one of the undead, seek medical attention immediately.

1. You have had a strange feeling for a few days now. Today you've been feeling very energetic and tired at the same time. You sit, exhausted and full of energy, at your desk. Your arm has been itching. It's killing you now. You look at your forearm and see it for the first time. Something is moving under your skin. It is shifting around. Your muscle spasms and you realize there are dozens moving toward the surface.
2. You open your eyes to complete darkness. The last thing you remember is the dog running out into the road, the brightness of the day light, and your car headed off the road. As your head clears you realize you are hanging upside down. Your feet and legs are completely mobilized. You can hear something breathing in the room.
3. Your driving on a country road. It is late at night. You are far from home. You realize, as you check your mirrors, there is a man you do not know, hiding on the floor of your back seat.
4. It's 3 am. Your room is dark, but you can see that there is someone, standing at the foot of your bed. You can just make out that he or she is wearing a clown costume, and you are pretty sure, from the glare and the little bit of reflection, that it has a knife.
5. At 3 am you wake up out of a very sound sleep. You hear the ice cream truck outside of your house. And you realize, the sound that woke you up, was the sound of your 4 year old daughter, letting the screen door slam, as she left the house.
6. You are running late. After quickly getting ready, you rush out of the house and to your car door. A sound gets your attention, and for the first time this morning you look at your surroundings. There is a fully grown male lion, just a few feet from you. Your car door is still locked.
7. You are falling. The 737 is a 100 yards above you. You hear the rush of the wind, and it's so cold. You realize you are still holding your baby.
8. The worst cramps you have ever had set in on your biceps. Your arms are twisting. You feel your ankles popping. It came on so suddenly. You drop to your knees, looking through your bedroom window, you see the full moon. You hear a little voice behind you, "Mommy?" (or "daddy")
9. You are frozen with fear. You open your eyes, the tent is dark. But you can feel the heavy weight of a large tarantula covering one eye. Through the other eye you can see the shadows, from the moonlight, of 100s if not 1000s of other spiders covering the tent.
10. The man leans into you. There is a dark red almost black color to the whites of his eyes. He is so close his nose is almost touching your nose. You can feel his breath when he says, "We all have it in here. We are all infected."





# Teachers's material

Lesson plan:

Lesson	Topic	homework
1	-Intro: What is a scary story ? (brainstorming) - Read a scary story (see Dossier) -explain : what is a story jumble ? - hand out Dossiers - let SuS choose topics/elements of their story	Think of an idea for a story
2	Write a first draft of your story or create a mind map. Discuss your idea with a partner.	Write a first version of your story.
3	1st round of peer feedback ! (see copy in Dossier) -revise and correct your first version.	Write next revised version
4	2 <sup>nd</sup> /3rd round of peer feedback -revise and correct your story -write final version ( ev. Teacher's feedback and/or correction)	Write final version
5/6	<b>Youtype :</b> write your story on youtype and get feedback from the class !	
<b>Bonus !</b>	On Halloween : Darken your classroom and form a circle with your chairs. Put a carved pumpkin in the middle. Light candles inside the pumpkin. Students read their scary stories out loud.....	
<b>Extra!</b>	Print out all the stories and make a booklet so each student gets all the stories. Nice memory!	

- For the story jumble you will have to cut out the expressions on the following pages, divide them up by their topic (I used coloured copying paper –a different colour for situation, characters, etc) and let the students draw one expression from each topic.

## **Story jumble**

### **Characters:**

A black cat

A skeleton

An old witch

An ugly spider

A mummy

A large snake

Two vampires

An angry ghost

A zombie

A big black raven

## **Settings :**

A cemetery

A haunted house

An abandoned cabin

Deep in a forest

A dark cave

A zoo

A Halloween party

By an old hollow tree

In a coffin

Near a lake

A church

In the basement

## **Time:**

Sunset

On Friday 13

At midnight

Full moon

After a funeral

Late at night

After a big thunderstorm

On a dark and foggy night

During a big storm

At a birthday party

After midnight

## **Situations:**

Someone has to die

A secret needs to be told

An important decision has to be made

Someone died

Something terrible just happened

Something terrible has been found

Someone loses something

Someone becomes evil

Someone turns into someone else

Someone's life has to change