

The Mystery of the Haunted House Heist

Everyone who lives in Hillcrest Haunted House on Spooky Street has counted down the days until Halloween and now it's finally here! Halloween is a time of celebration for the Spooky Street residents and they can't wait for the fun to begin!

But when Wanda the Witch went down into the dark basement to get the Halloween decorations, she was shocked to find they were gone! Who could have stolen them, and will Halloween ever be the same without them?

As Detective Chief Inspector on the case, it is your job to find out who has stolen the Halloween decorations. You have taken down the names and descriptions of the 20 people, creatures and animals who live in Hillcrest Haunted House. There are also five important clues that have been discovered.

To crack the case, you will need to solve each clue and check the information with the list of names. Will you be able to solve the mystery and find the culprit before the sun sets and the Halloween festivities begin?

Good luck!



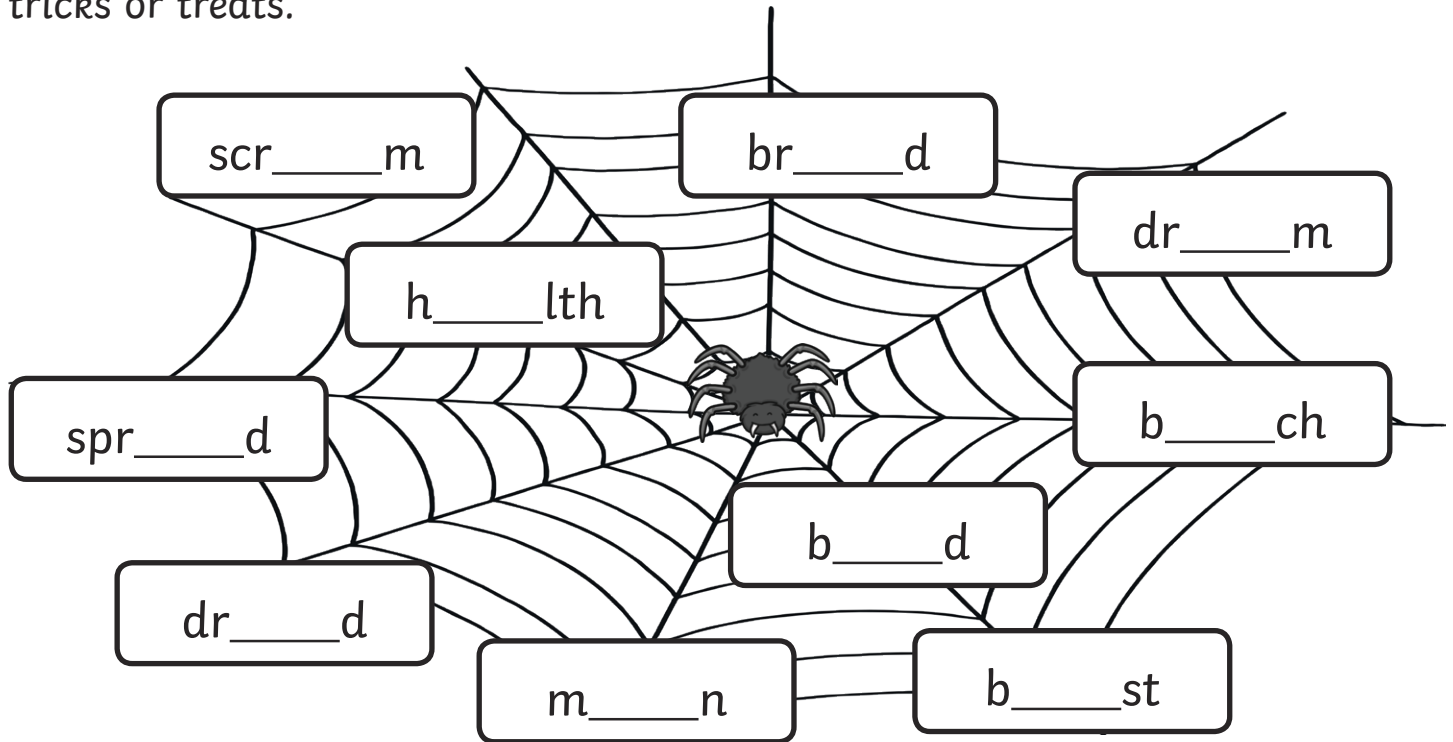
Haunted House Resident Descriptions

| Name | Eye Colour | Hair Colour | Shoe Size | Age | Trick or Treat? |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|-----------|-----|-----------------|
| Billy the Bat | brown | black | 0 | 5 | trick |
| Cleo the Cat | green | black | 1 | 6 | trick |
| Frankie Frankenstein | brown | black | 10 | 8 | trick |
| Frida the Frog | blue | green | 1 | 7 | treat |
| Glenda the Ghost | green | white | 0 | 100 | treat |
| Greta the Gargoyle | brown | black | 7 | 2 | trick |
| Hasad the Hobgoblin | green | black | 6 | 15 | trick |
| Magda the Magician | brown | black | 5 | 10 | trick |
| Max the Mummy | brown | green | 9 | 200 | trick |
| Mustafa the Monster | blue | purple | 12 | 18 | trick |
| Patty the Pumpkin | brown | orange | 0 | 3 | trick |
| Salma the Spider | red | black | 1 | 1 | treat |
| Sanjay the Scarecrow | green | brown | 0 | 25 | treat |
| Sasha the Skeleton | brown | white | 6 | 80 | trick |
| Suki the Sorcerer | green | pink | 7 | 12 | trick |
| Tyrone the Toad | brown | green | 1 | 3 | trick |
| Viola the Vampire | brown | black | 4 | 10 | trick |
| Wanda the Witch | brown | black | 3 | 10 | trick |
| Wilf the Werewolf | brown | brown | 11 | 29 | treat |
| Winston the Wizard | brown | purple | 8 | 67 | treat |

Clue 1

Trick or Treat?

Each of the words in this web has two letters missing. Add the missing letters and then write the word in the correct box, for how you say it. The two letters with the most matching words will show whether the thief prefers tricks or treats.



ea as in treat

If **ea as in treat** has the most matching words, the thief prefers **tricks**.

ea as in head

If **ea as in head** has the most matching words, the thief prefers **treats**.

Does the thief prefer tricks or treats?

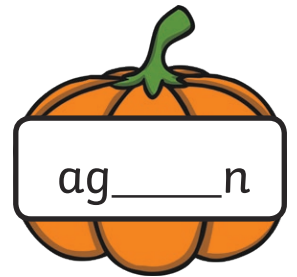
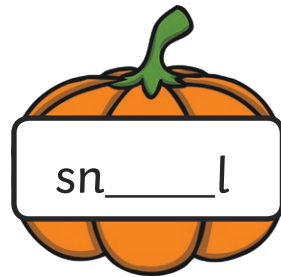
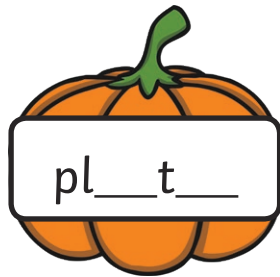
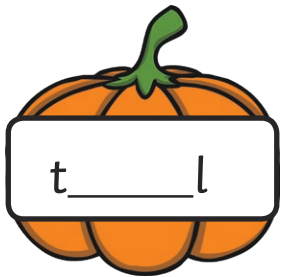
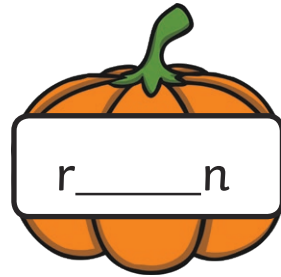
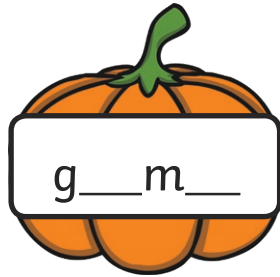
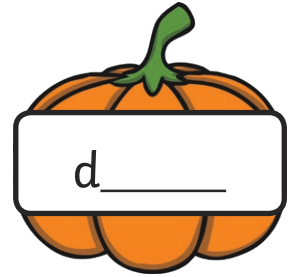
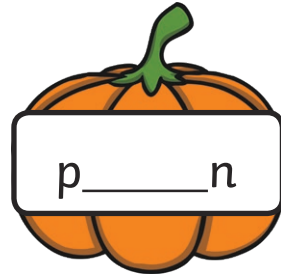
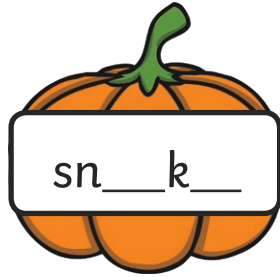
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Clue 2

Pick the Pumpkin

Draw a line to match the word to the correct grapheme. Make sure that you spell the words correctly. The digraph with the most matching words will show the thief's eye colour.



ai

If **ai** is needed most, the thief has **brown eyes**.



a-e

If **a-e** is needed most, the thief has **blue eyes**.



ay


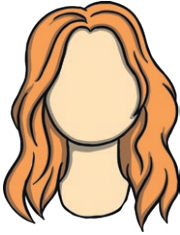



If **ay** is needed most, the thief has **green eyes**.

The digraph with the most matching words is _____ so the thief must have _____ eyes.

Clue 3

A Scary, Hairy Clue

A strand of hair has been found at the scene of the crime. It must have been left by whoever stole the decorations! By following the path of real words, you will find out what colour hair the thief has.

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|--------------|---|---|--|---|---|
| Start | | | | | |
| chum | dat | cag | rin | ept | jash |
| kick | reef | quib | coid | quass | glog |
| tay | short | blot | blard | disp | murbs |
| sloam | zued | greet | dust | disp | murbs |
| meve | clend | braits | parks | high | ploam |
| scrug | splue | mobe | glisp | goal | model |
| shaj | plend | grene | graint | plope | person |
| clend | braits | strunk | teast | snife | chapter |
| scrug | glerson | ptraw | plips | noats | reptiles |
| fnue | flatcher | thibe | shlam | gloost | dice |
| | white | orange | green | brown | black |
| |  |  |  |  |  |

The thief's hair must be _____.

Clue 4

Witchy Whispers

Everyone in the Haunted House is whispering about the theft! Will the thief give themselves away? Read the whispered sentences below. Decide which suffix is needed to correctly complete the words. The thief's age is the same as the number of times that the most common suffix is used.



| Sentence | -ing | -ful | -ly |
|--|------|------|-----|
| I am so thank_____ they didn't take anything else. | | | |
| What a dread_____ thing to do! | | | |
| I keep wish_____ this is all a bad dream. | | | |
| They must have taken them very quick_____! | | | |
| I was just play_____ in there the other day! | | | |
| I think I saw the criminal fly_____ away from the scene. | | | |
| I will do everything I can to be help_____. | | | |
| Poor Wanda, she is really worry_____. | | | |
| I was just sit_____ upstairs, minding my own business. | | | |
| I was garden_____ at the time. | | | |
| I was busy haunt_____ the attic. | | | |
| We spend all year wait_____ for Halloween. | | | |
| They must have hidden them clever_____. | | | |
| I think the culprit must be good at act_____. | | | |
| It makes me hop_____ mad! | | | |

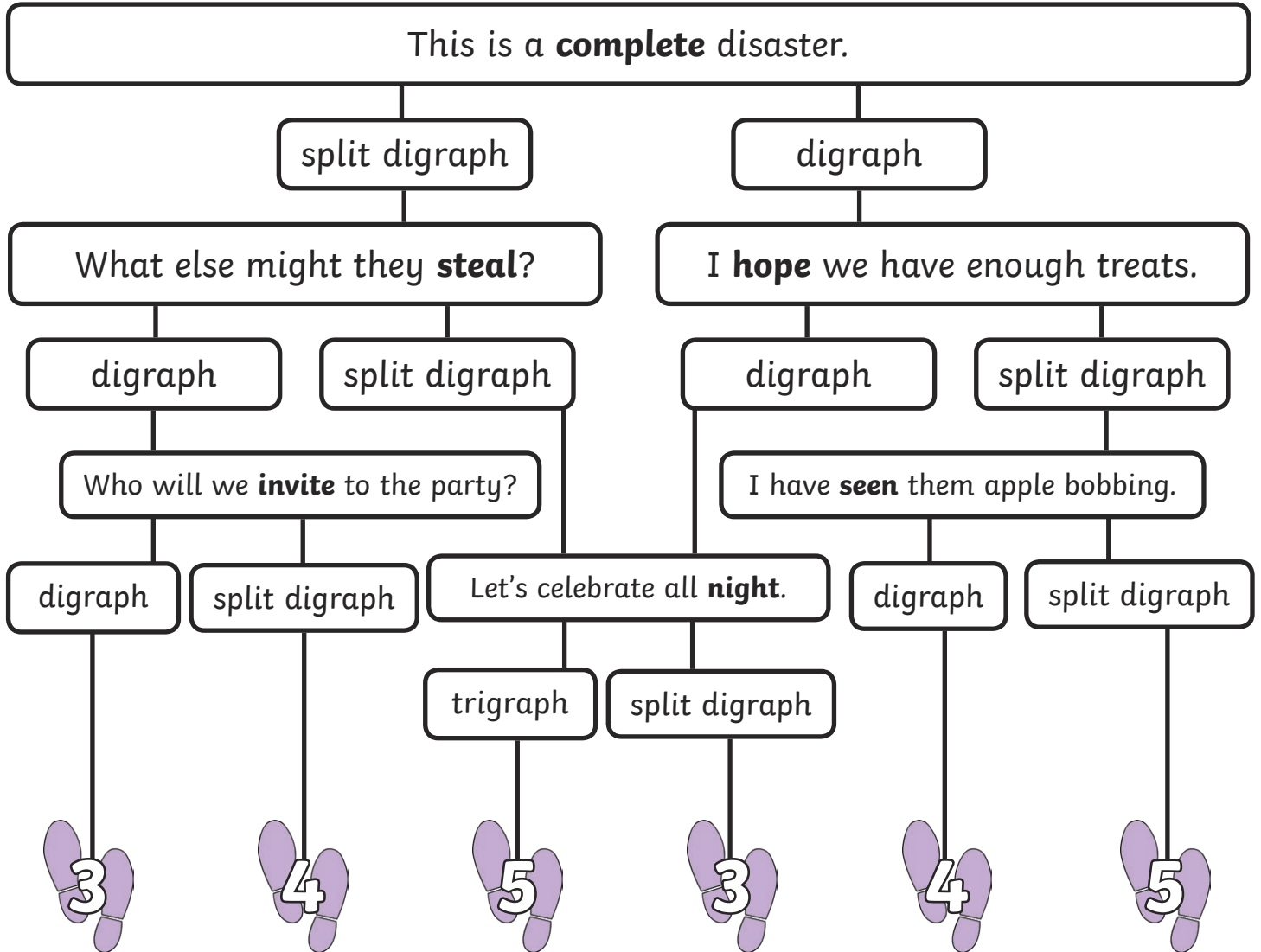
The suffix that is used the most is _____.

This suffix is used _____ times so the thief must be _____ years old.

Clue 5

Creepy Shoes

Footprints have been discovered in the basement. They must belong to whoever stole the decorations! Follow their trail to find out the shoe size of the thief. Decide whether the word in bold contains a split digraph or a regular digraph each time. Stay on the right path and catch the thief!



The thief's shoe size is _____.

The Halloween decorations were stolen by _____.