

Halloween riddle maze

Time 20-40 minutes
Interaction Teams of 2-4
Level B1 (Intermediate) to C1 (Advanced)

Language areas practised

Sub-skills and Functions

- Explaining riddles and language play

Grammar and Lexis

- Question forms
- Halloween vocabulary

Preparation

Photocopy the Game board and the Rules of the game (1 of each per team of 2-4).

Procedure

1. Introduce the Halloween theme and find out what they already know about the occasion. Check and review appropriate vocabulary. The following items are useful; cemetery, ghost, pumpkin, skeleton, witch.
2. Check learners understand what a riddle is by providing an example (e.g., What gets wetter as it dries? Answer: A towel).
3. Introduce the game and hand out copies of the Game board and Rules of the game to each team.
4. Check understanding and let them begin. If you want them to play quickly as a race, make it competitive, as suggested in the rules. If you want to spend longer on the activity, encourage them to explain to each other why the answer is funny/clever. After you have finished find out if there are any

riddles they don't understand and elicit or provide the explanation as appropriate.

Solution

The correct route is as follows:

ENTER THE MAZE HERE ↓	Where the baby ghosts go during the day? A plumkin!	Bone Appetite! What do skeletons say before they begin eating? They loved in vein!	Why are there fences around cemeteries? They loved in vein!	Because people are dying to get in! What has feathers, fangs and goes quack-quack? Count Duckula!
What is a ghost's favourite food? Ice Scream!	When is it bad luck to meet a black cat? Romeo and Ghoullet!	When you're a mouse! Why is there never any food left after Hallowe'en parties? Spelling!	Who did Frankenstein take on a date? Why does Voldemort only use Twitter and not Facebook? He didn't have the guts!	Count Duckula!
What do you call a fat pumpkin? His ghoul friend!	What do the birds sing on Halloween? They have no body to dance with!	Why didn't skeletons like parties? Cause he only has followers, not friends.	Why did the skeleton cross the road?	
What do you call a skeleton who won't work? Lazy Bones!	Twick or tweet! What's a ghost's favourite play? Because everyone's been goblin!	Why didn't skeletons like parties? Cause he only has followers, not friends.	What happened to the boy and girl vampires who fell in love? Dayscare centres!	
Why was Harry Potter sent to the office? Because he was cursing in class!	Who won the skeleton beauty contest? No body!	Who won the skeleton beauty contest? No body!	ESCAPE FROM THE MAZE HERE!	

Follow-up activity / Early finishers

- Ask them if they can match up the remaining riddles with the remaining solutions. There are 7 of each (e.g. What's a ghost's favourite play? Romeo and Ghoullet!)
- Suggest that they invent their own Halloween riddles.

Halloween riddle maze – Rules of the game



How to play

Play in teams of 2-4. Each team plays separately using their own Game board. Begin on the square 'ENTER THE MAZE HERE'. Move to the first riddle, as indicated. Find a logical solution to the riddle in one of the neighbouring squares. Try to explain why it is funny or clever, and then, if you agree, move to this square. Now choose another riddle in a neighbouring square. Continue in this way until you arrive at the square 'ESCAPE FROM THE MAZE HERE!' Draw your route on the maze as you play using a pencil or a pen. You cannot move diagonally or answer a riddle using a solution you have already used.



How to win

If you want to play competitively, the 1st team to escape from the maze wins the game. When you think you have won, show your route through the maze to your teacher.

If...

- If you make a mistake you must go back to the start and begin again!
- If the teacher asks you 'Why?', you must be able to explain your choice of solution. If you can't, you go back to the start!
- If you get stuck, remember to use the Vocabulary and Culture Clues beneath the maze.

Halloween riddle maze – Game board



Play in teams of 2-4. Try to get from the start to the finish by moving between Halloween riddles and their solutions. After finding a solution, move to another riddle on a neighbouring square. If you can't find a solution, go back and try another!

ENTER THE MAZE HERE 	Where do baby ghosts spend the day?	Bone Appetite!	Why are there fences around cemeteries?	Because people are dying to get in!
What is a ghost's favourite food?	A plumpkin!	What do skeletons say before they begin eating?	They loved in vein!	What has feathers, fangs and goes quack-quack?
Ice Scream!	When is it bad luck to meet a black cat?	When you're a mouse!	Who did Frankenstein take on a date?	Count Duckula!
What do you call a fat pumpkin?	Romeo and Ghouliet!	Why is there never any food left after Halloween parties?	Spelling!	What was the witch's favourite activity at school?
His ghoul friend!	What do the birds sing on Halloween?	They have no body to dance with!	Why does Voldemort only use Twitter and not Facebook?	He didn't have the guts!
What do you call a skeleton who won't work?	Twick or tweet!	Why don't skeletons like parties?	Because he only has followers, not friends.	Why didn't the skeleton cross the road?
Lazy bones!	What's a ghost's favourite play?	Because everyone's been goblin!	What happened to the boy and girl vampires who fell in love?	Dayscare centres!
Why was Harry Potter sent to the office?	Because he was cursing in class!	Who won the skeleton beauty contest?	No body!	  ESCAPE FROM THE MAZE HERE!



Vocabulary and culture clues

Use these clues to help you solve the riddles:

curse	(v.) 1. swear 2. cast a spell on someone
fangs	(n.) vampire teeth
ghoul /gu:l/	(n.) another word for ghost
goblin / gobble	(n.) a small evil monster/ (v.) eat food quickly
guts / have the guts	(n.) internal organs / have courage
in vain / vein	(id.) without success / (n.) tube that carries blood around your body
spell	(n.) an evil magical wish or trick / (v.) write a word using the correct letters
Voldemort	the really bad guy in Harry Potter movies

