



## Haunted Halloween Story

I went trick-or-treating with my best friends \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_. Our pillowcases were full of candy, and it was getting late, so my friends wanted to go home.



*The house on the hill in the old forest.*

I wanted a few more chocolate bars so I turned to my friends and said, "Let's knock on a few more doors and then head for home."

They were worried because they thought it was already too late. "Let's go home now," they said to me. I told them not to worry because we could take a shortcut through the old forest.

So after a few more houses, I took my friends to the path that went through the forest. We walked about 20 minutes, and then, suddenly, I felt very strange. I couldn't remember the way! It was dark and foggy. We were lost. And to make matters worse, it started to rain. And then, it started to pour. Lightning lit up the sky and thunder rang in our ears. We wandered around in the rain for over two hours. We were very wet and very cold. And then, at about midnight, I saw an old abandoned house on a hill.

"I think we'll have to spend the night in that old house and wait till morning," I said. My friends didn't think it was a good idea, but they were cold and wet, so they agreed. We walked up the old wooden steps to the front door. The door creaked open and we went inside, sat down, and started to eat a chocolate bar, when...

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**Ex. 1. Reading Comprehension:**

1. What is happening at the beginning of the story?
2. Why did the writer want to go to a few more houses?
3. Why didn't the writer worry because it was getting late?
4. What happened in the forest?
5. What was the weather like in the forest?
6. Did the writer's friend think it was a good idea to stay in the house?
7. Why did the friends agree to stay at the house?
8. What did they do as soon as they went into the house?

**Ex.2. Match the following words with their definition:**

a. abandoned	b. wander	c. shortcut	d. pour
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- \_\_\_\_\_ A quicker way to get somewhere.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Go from place to place.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rain very hard.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Empty with no one living there.

**Ex.3. Finish writing the story using all the phrases in the box below.**

Creative Writing Box	screamed saw a light ran down the hall	cobwebs heard footsteps hid under the bed
heard a noise dawn		

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## Haunted Halloween Story Teacher's Notes and Answer Key

### Ex. 1. Reading Comprehension:

1. Three friends are going from house to house 'trick or treating.' (Halloween tradition where people give candies to children who come knocking on their doors in costume on Halloween)
2. The writer wanted a few more chocolate bars.
3. The writer didn't worry because the writer believed they could take a shortcut home through the old forest.
4. In the forest, the children got lost and then it started to rain.
5. It was dark and foggy.
6. They decided to stay because it was very late and because everyone was cold and wet.
7. When they went inside, they started to eat their chocolate bars.

### Ex.2. Match the following words with their definition:

SHORTCUT A quicker way to get somewhere.

WANDER Go from place to place.

POUR Rain very hard.

ABANDONED Empty with no one living there.

### Ex.3. Finish writing the story using all the phrases in the box below.

Example ending on following page. You can share it with the students after they have completed the story.

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Suddenly we heard a noise and saw a light. We ran down the hall and hid under the bed in the master bedroom. We could see into the hall and suddenly we saw a light! Someone was following us! We were very scared. The bed was old and there were cobwebs and dust under it and we were afraid we would sneeze. The light stopped just behind the door. We couldn't help ourselves, we screamed and screamed and ran out from under the bed. The light disappeared and we heard the footsteps again but this time they were getting further and further away. Meanwhile we ran outside even though it was still raining and somehow, around dawn, we got home. Our parents were very worried. They didn't punish us because it was an accident and because we were very scared and because they were very happy to see us safe at home. We all promised never to take any shortcuts through the forest and told our parents we would never visit the house in the woods again. They thought that was strange, because they said that house had burnt down years ago...

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