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HALLOWEEN IN THE ATTIC



Throughout the year, the Startleston's attic is quiet. It is filled with boxes of family treasures, old toys and clothing. Dust bunnies slowly collect and grow in the corners and behind the furniture. Cobwebs stretch between the beams.

But every Halloween, the attic comes alive! The Startleston kids head up the creaky steps and open the old trunks looking for costumes and decorations.

Look around the attic to find:

☐ 7 skulls	☐ 9 paint brushes	☐ 3 toy spiders
☐ 5 hats	☐ 6 pumpkins	☐ 3 dolls
☐ 4 masks	☐ 1 candelabra	☐ 4 light strings

Put the lollipop in the Halloween bucket.

How many differences can you find between Byron Startleston and his reflection?

How many bats can you find on this page? Have a friend try. Who found more?

Stacy Startleston is trying on masks she found in the attic. Which two are exactly the same?

Extra! Extra! Halloween Search

Look through the newspaper for the letters that spell each Halloween word. Cut out the letters and glue them in the coffin.

• Costume	• Ghost
• Candy	• Witch
• Trick	• Bats
• Treat	• Mummy
• Goblin	• Princess

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.


Kid Scoop Together:
Funny Filler

Have a friend give you each type of word to fill in the blanks. Then read the story aloud!

Count Alucard's castle was a total mess. Several _____ were floating in the courtyard fountain. A _____ was tangled in some cobwebs above the parlour. The staircase was covered in _____.

_____, An expensive _____ had been knocked over and broken.

“_____!” cried Count Alucard. “This mess makes my blood boil!”

“We’ll help you clean up the place,” said his niece Rue, as his nephew Muerto began to _____ the entry way.

Soon, Rue had _____ through the first floor, replacing the suit of armor’s _____. Muerto cleaned up the courtyard, planting fresh _____ all around the castle moat. They worked together to remove the _____ from the castle’s _____ tower.

By sunrise, the castle looked _____, just the way Count Alucard likes it!

Standards Link: Grammar: Use nouns, verbs and adjectives correctly in reading and writing.

Kid Scoo-doku™
 Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word BATS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

	B		T
	A		
	T		
T	S		

Kid Scoop Puzzler
Pumpkin Patterns
 In each row below, draw the Jack O'Lantern face that continues that row's pattern.



Standards Link: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search
 Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

HALLOWEEN
 COSTUMES
 GOBLIN
 CREAKY
 WITCH
 GHOST
 TRICK
 TREAT
 CANDY
 TRUNK
 ALIVE
 ATTIC
 QUIET
 DUST
 OLD

C	I	T	T	A	S	K	E	N	L
D	C	O	S	T	U	M	E	S	K
Q	U	I	E	T	R	E	E	N	T
C	O	S	R	S	W	E	U	I	N
N	A	I	T	O	I	R	A	O	I
N	C	N	L	H	T	T	L	T	L
K	H	L	D	G	C	D	I	E	B
C	A	L	O	Y	H	S	V	E	O
H	Y	K	A	E	R	C	E	T	G

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Reconnized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS
 This week's word: **DUST BUNNY**
 The phrase **dust bunny** refers to a clump of dust that forms into a ball, usually under furniture or in a corner.

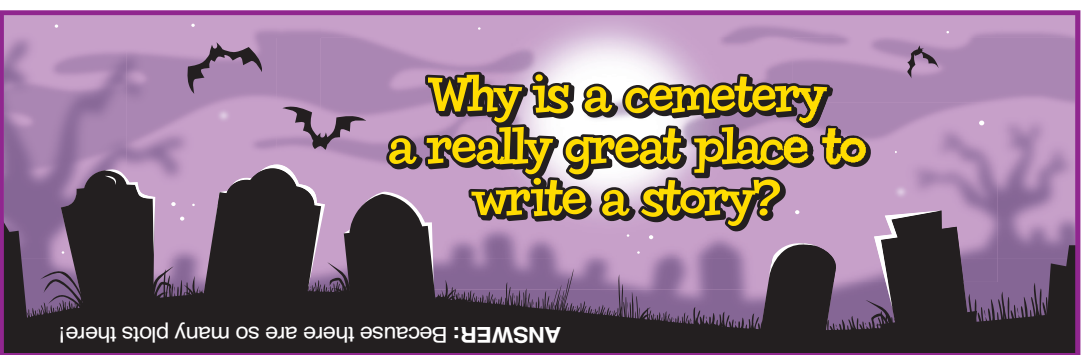
Dad swept the **dust bunnies** out from under the bed in the spare room.

Try to use the term **dust bunny** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY
Create a Problem
 Choose an article or advertisement in today's newspaper and use the information to make up a math word problem. Trade problems with a friend and compare your answers.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Why is a cemetery a really great place to write a story?



ANSWER: Because there are so many plots there!

Write On!
Halloween Jokes
 Make a list of your favorite Halloween jokes and riddles. Then read them aloud to your family on Halloween.

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