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**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™

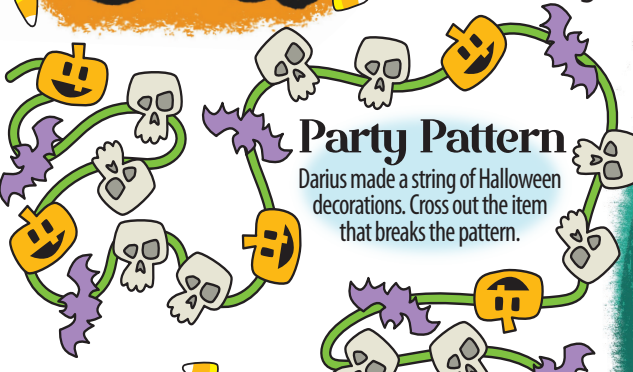
Complete the grid by using all the letters in the word BATS in each vertical and horizontal row. Each letter should only be used once in each row. Some spaces have been filled in for you.

	B		T
	A		
	T		
T	S		

# Halloween at Home

It's a rainy, stormy Halloween night. But Drusilla and her brother Darius are still going to have some spooky fun at home!

How many pieces of candy corn can you find on this page?



### Party Pattern

Darius made a string of Halloween decorations. Cross out the item that breaks the pattern.



### Scary Movie Marathon

Drusilla and Darius settled in to watch some spooky movies, but they got way too scared. What did they do instead? Use the code to find out!

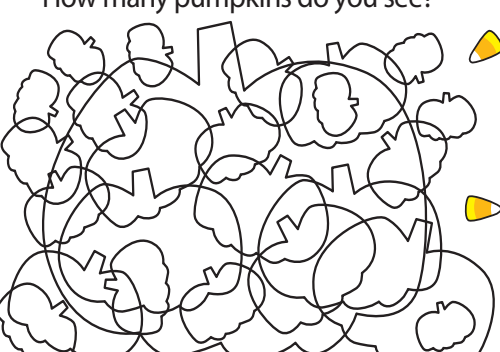
1 = A	8 = K	13	6	4	14	11	4	1	3
2 = C	9 = O	13	6	4	7	11			
3 = D	10 = P	8	7	3	12	2	9	9	10
4 = E	11 = R	10	1	5	4				
5 = G	12 = S								
6 = H	13 = T								
7 = I	14 = Y								

Cross out each letter that appears three times. Unscramble the remaining letters to spell the name of Drusilla's cat.

S	Y	L	N	I	C
B	C	M	S	L	
L	S	Y	B		
I	S	G	Y		
D	C	H			
T	B				



How many pumpkins do you see?



Can you find all three of the groups at left on the larger grid below?

**GROUP 1**

**GROUP 2**

**GROUP 3**



**Extra! Extra!**

### Popcorn Poetry

Do you like popcorn? Look through the newspaper for words that make you think about popcorn. Try to find three nouns, three verbs and three adjectives. Use the words to write a poem or paragraph about popcorn.

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

### Shadow Play

Drusilla used a flashlight to make shadows on the wall.

Can you find each shadow's exact twin?



What's as big as Frankenstein's monster but weighs nothing?

ANSWER: HIS SHADOW

### Kid Scoop Puzzler

Circle the rows of numbers on this ghastly tombstone that add up to 12. Look up, down, sideways and diagonally.

3	1	9	4
3	6	1	2
3	3	1	4
3	2	5	2

**Standards Link:** Mathematics: Add sums to 12.

### Double Double Word Search

- HALLOWEEN
- MONSTER
- PUMPKINS
- POPCORN
- STORMY
- GHASTLY
- FUN
- SPOOKY
- CAT
- MOVIES
- RAINY
- CANDY
- HOME
- POEM
- BIG

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

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

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

### Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS

This week's word: **GHASTLY**

The adjective **ghastly** means something that is horrible, shocking or causes great fear.

When it snarled, the werewolf revealed its **ghastly** yellow fangs.

Try to use the word **ghastly** in a sentence today when talking with friends and family members.

### FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

#### Halloween Homophones

Homophones are two words that sound the same but mean different things and are spelled differently. Look through the newspaper to find a homophone for each of the following words:

- ate
- aye
- cellar
- bury
- hall
- knight

**Standards Link:** Language Arts: Recognize homophones; use knowledge of homophones to determine meaning of words.



On which day of the week are you most likely to see a ghost?

ANSWER: On Friday.

### Write On! Halloween Jokes

Write down several of your favorite Halloween jokes and send them to a friend!

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