

Fortune Telling

People tried to predict the future at Halloween. Sometimes they baked a ring, coin, thimble or rag into a barm brack (fruit cake). It was said that, if you found the ring, you would soon be married. The thimble was a sign that you would not marry at all. The coin indicated richness, but the rag was a sign of poverty. Nowadays, it is usually just a ring that is baked into the barm brack.



It was once believed that the fairies blasted the blackberries with their breath at Halloween so that the fruit was no longer edible!



HELP THE LITTLE PIRATE FIND HIS WAY THROUGH THE PARK SO THAT HE CAN GO TRICK OR TREATING WITH HIS FRIENDS.

FIND TWO SAME GHOSTS

OICHE SHAMHNA SHONA DUIT

- HAPPY HALLOWEEN -



The Irish word for Halloween is Samhain.

This very old Celtic festival falls on 31st October. It has been celebrated in Ireland for thousands of years.

Halloween marks the end of harvest time and the beginning of winter with its long, dark, nights.

People once believed that, at Halloween, ghosts and ghouls were free to roam the earth.

Children disguised themselves in strange clothes and went from house to house seeking gifts of apples and nuts. In the 19th century Irish people brought this tradition to America where it became known as

'TRICK OR TREATING.'

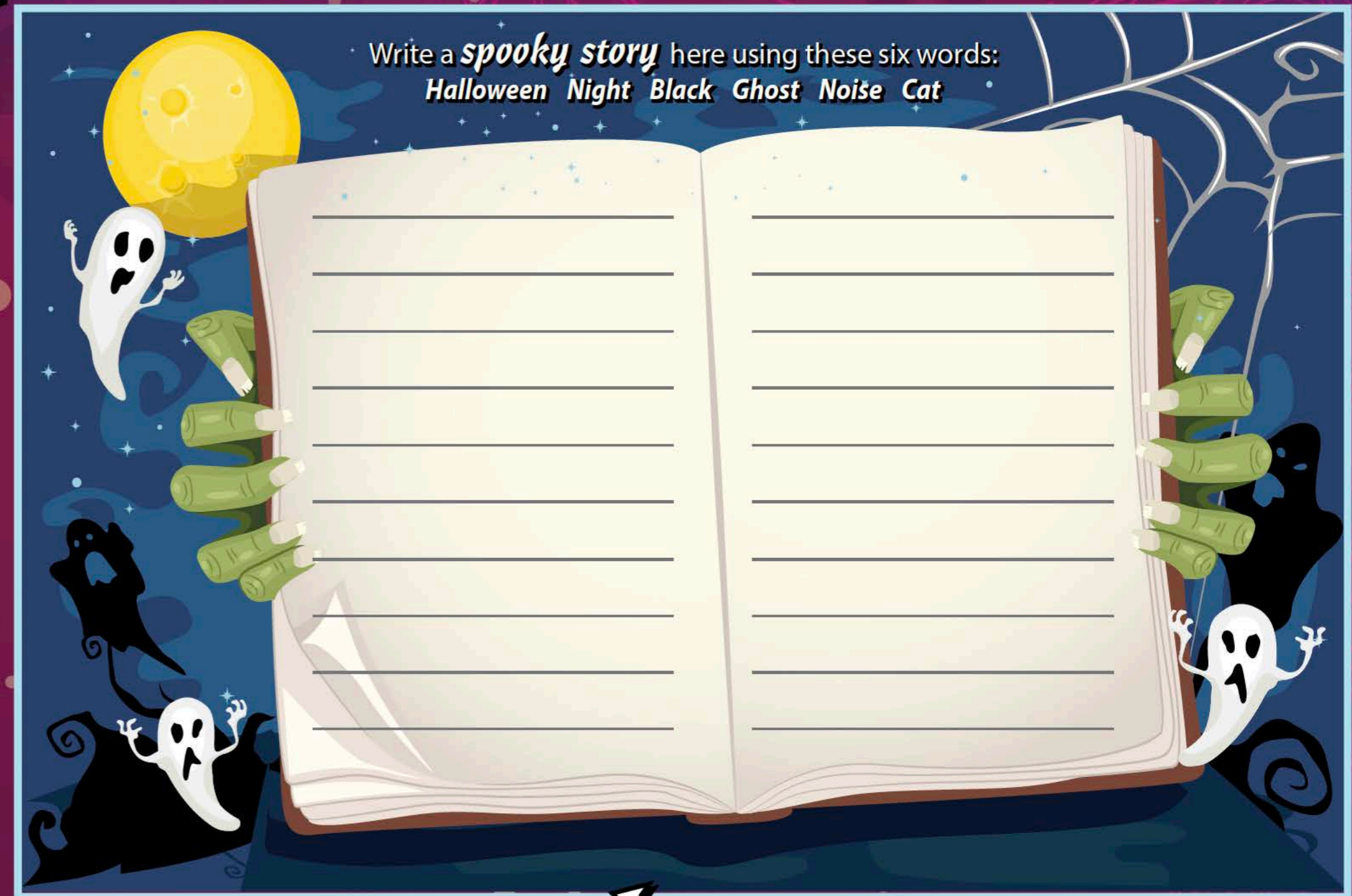
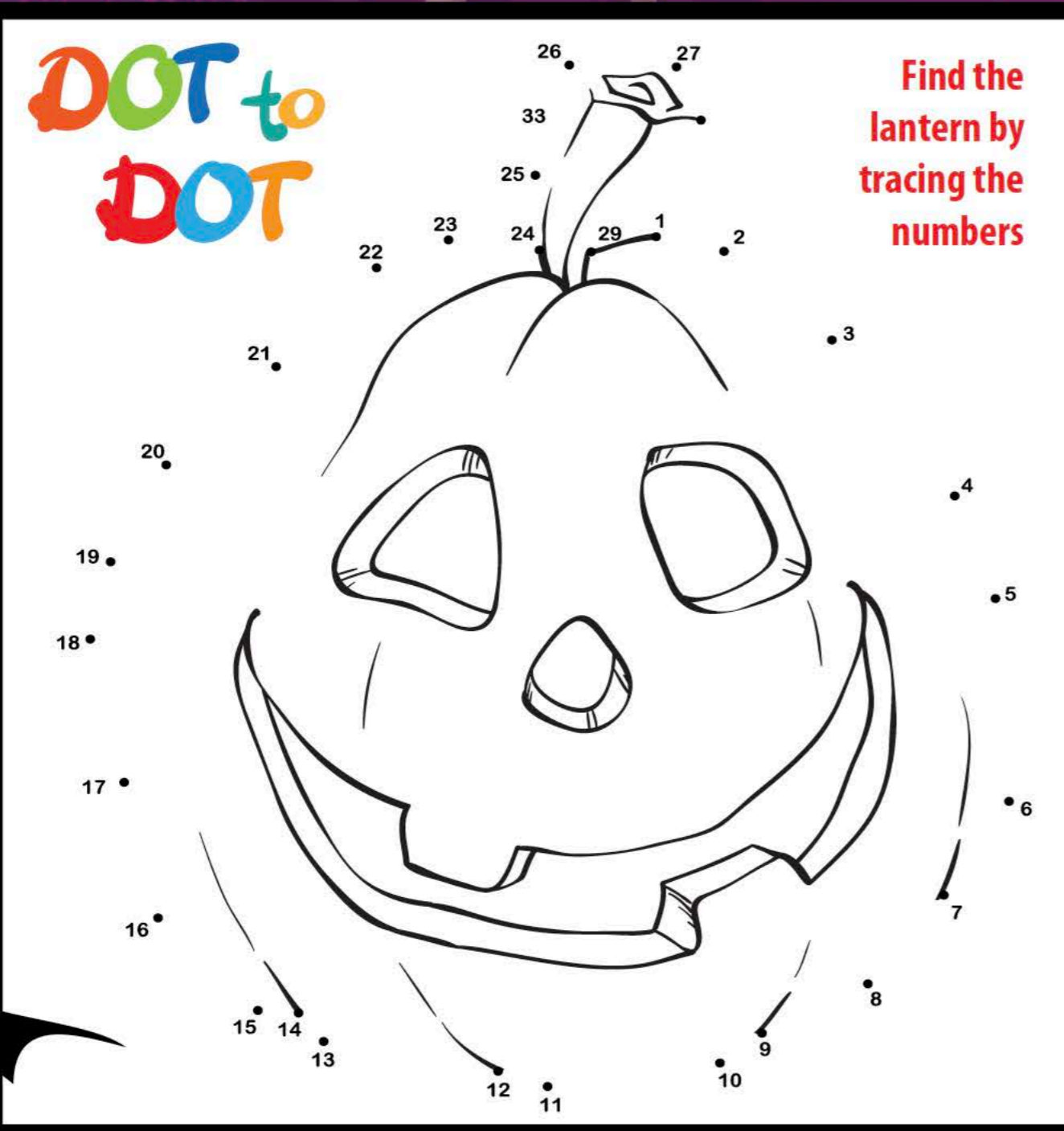


Traditionally people lit bonfires at Halloween. They feasted, played tricks on one another and had lots of fun.



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In Ireland **turnips** were traditionally used to make lanterns at Halloween. A **face** was carved into the turnip, which was also hollowed out to hold a **candle**. Today people carve **pumpkins** instead.



Halloween Games

'Snap apple' and 'bopping for apples' are two Halloween games that children have traditionally played in Ireland. To play 'snap apple' you must hang an apple from a string and try to take a bite out of it without using your hands. 'Bopping for apples' involves dunking your head into a basin of water containing floating apples. Again, try taking a bite but remember no hands are allowed.

It's much more difficult than you think!



Can you find 8 differences between these two friendly Ghosts?

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