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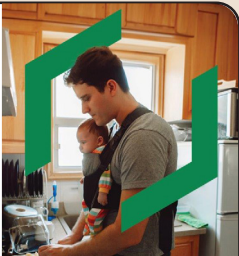
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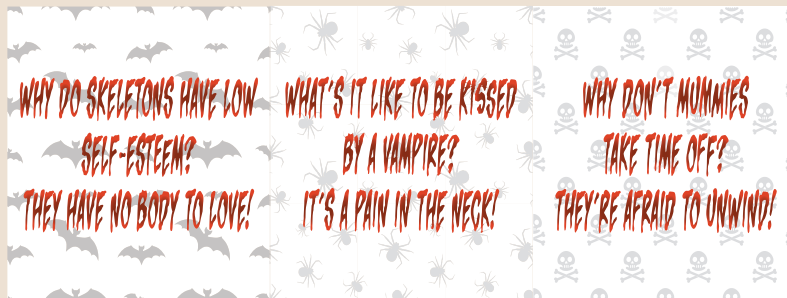
TRICK OR TREAT, PICK YOUR 5 FAVE SNACKS TO EAT!

After a spooktacular night of going door to door collecting goodies by the fist full, we can't be expected to go to sleep before dumping the candy out of our bags and admiring the bounty! We reluctantly concede that we can't eat everything; warnings of tummy aches and cavities loom large. Instead, here's the proposal, 'Please, can I pick just 5 things pleeeaaase!' Granted, savvy and aggressive negotiators might push for an even 10 but that's not going to happen in this house! Now, here we are, the moment of truth! Our haul is laid out on the floor, bedtime is quickly approaching and we have to make some deliciously difficult decisions... Which 5 are you picking and in what order?



Compare your choices with others! Maybe you'd have picked something that isn't in this lot. After all, raisins are nature's candy and just because we didn't make it to Aunt Joan's house this year (she gives out Granny Smith apples) doesn't mean they can't be added to your list!

HALLOWEEN HILARITY!



TEST YOUR SPOOKY SEASON KNOWLEDGE

1. What vegetable was traditionally carved into lanterns before pumpkins became popular?
2. In the 1993 movie Hocus Pocus, what are the names of the three witch sisters?
3. Which Halloween creature is said to be frightened away by garlic?
4. In which country did the tradition of carving jack-o'-lanterns originate?
5. What ancient Greek creature, often depicted with snakes for hair, became a major influence on later depictions of witches and monsters?
6. In Edgar Allan Poe's The Raven, what word does the mysterious bird repeatedly say?
7. What is the traditional Scottish name for the Halloween practice of disguising oneself and going door-to-door?
8. What is the name of the legendary sea monster said to inhabit Lake Okanagan in British Columbia?
9. Which Canadian province is home to the legendary haunted Fortress of Louisbourg?
10. What city is home to the famous Fairmont Château Laurier, which is said to have several ghost stories associated with it?

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WEEKLY SPOOK-OROSCOPE

As October darkens and Halloween approaches, the stars bring secrets, surprises, romance and a little supernatural mischief to every zodiac sign!

Aries (Mar 21 – Apr 19) *The Haunted Spark*
 Something you've been chasing refuses to stay buried. A sudden opportunity—or an unexpected message—could bring it back to life. Follow your instincts, but don't let impatience summon unnecessary drama. **Beware:** Acting before thinking.

Taurus (Apr 20 – May 20) *The Witch's Garden*
 Your heart is craving comfort, but something beneath the surface wants to be acknowledged. A relationship may reveal a hidden layer, while your intuition becomes unusually sharp. **Omen:** A black rose **Beware:** Holding onto what has already changed.

Gemini (May 21 – Jun 20) *The Whispering Ghosts*
 Messages, gossip, invitations, and mysterious encounters swirl around you. Someone may reveal a secret—or you may accidentally uncover one yourself. Keep your ears open and your secrets closer. **Beware:** Spooky misunderstandings.

Cancer (Jun 21 – Jul 22) *The Haunted House*
 Home and family become your emotional haunted house this week. Old memories may rise from the shadows, but confronting them could finally bring peace. **Beware:** Living in the past.

Leo (Jul 23 – Aug 22) *The Midnight Spell*
 You're impossible to ignore. Your confidence shines brighter than a jack-o'-lantern, and someone may be watching from the shadows. Let yourself be seen—but don't reveal everything at once. **Beware:** Feeding the drama.

Virgo (Aug 23 – Sep 22) *The Potion Master*
 You're in your element when things need fixing. This week, however, not everything needs to be analyzed. Leave a little room for mystery, spontaneity, and magic. **Beware:** Overthinking every strange coincidence.

Libra (Sep 23 – Oct 22) *The Enchanted Mirror*
 The mirror shows you what you've been avoiding. A relationship or personal choice may require honesty. Don't let the desire to keep the peace make you ignore what you really want. **Beware:** Pretending everything is fine.

Scorpio (Oct 23 – Nov 21) *The Shadow Realm*
 This is your season, Scorpio. Secrets, attraction, intuition, and transformations surround you. Something may feel strangely destined—but give it time before deciding what it means. **Beware:** Reading too much into someone's silence.

Sagittarius (Nov 22 – Dec 21) *The Wandering Witch*
 Restlessness calls. You may crave a new adventure, a spontaneous night out, or an escape from routine. Follow the mysterious path—but remember to check where it leads. **Beware:** Impulsive decisions.

Capricorn (Dec 22 – Jan 19) *The Midnight Castle*
 You're building something that could last, but progress may feel slower than you'd like. Don't mistake silence for failure. Some of the most important transformations happen in the dark. **Beware:** Trying to control everything.

Aquarius (Jan 20 – Feb 18) *The Mad Scientist*
 Your mind is buzzing with unusual ideas. A strange conversation could spark something brilliant. Don't dismiss an unexpected possibility simply because it doesn't fit your usual plans. **Beware:** Getting lost in your own world.

Pisces (Feb 19 – Mar 20) *The Dreaming Spirit*
 Your dreams may feel especially vivid this week. Pay attention to recurring thoughts, symbols, and feelings—but remember that not every shadow is a warning. Some are simply asking to be understood. **Beware:** Absorbing everyone else's energy.

ALL HALLOWS' EVE FACTS & HISTORY!

- Halloween has ancient Celtic roots. It is generally traced to *Samhain*, an ancient Celtic festival marking the end of the harvest and the beginning of winter.
- Samhain* was celebrated around October 31–November 1. The Celts believed this was a time when the boundary between the living and the dead became thinner.
- People used bonfires and costumes. Fires were lit and people sometimes wore disguises or animal skins.
- Trick-or-treating has very old roots. It is connected to traditions such as *souling*, where people went door-to-door offering prayers for the dead in exchange for food.
- Pumpkins became a Halloween symbol in North America. Earlier traditions in Ireland and Scotland often used turnips or other root vegetables as lanterns.
- Orange and black became associated with Halloween. Orange represents the autumn harvest, while black is associated with darkness, death, and the coming winter.
- Costumes originally had a protective purpose. In some older traditions, disguises were thought to help people avoid being recognized by supernatural beings—or to blend in with them.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

“Success is getting what you want;
 happiness is wanting what you get.”

Ingrid Bergman

TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE ANSWERS

1. Turnips
2. Winkler, Mary & Sarah Sanderson
3. Vampires
4. Ireland
5. Medusa
6. Nevermore
7. Guising
8. O'pogoo
9. Nova Scotia
10. Ottawa

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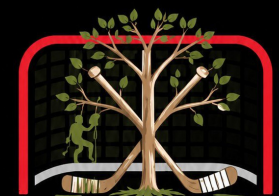
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