



Jack-O-Lantern Lesson

"When Irish and Scottish immigrants arrived in America, they were pleased to find a native fruit of North America perfect for continuing this practice: the great pumpkin. And so this Celtic tradition worked its way into America's melting pot culture—today adding a key element to a very American holiday." Read more about the Irish Folk tale regarding the origination of The Jack-O-Lantern – an American Halloween Tradition – at the following website:
http://www.education.com/magazine/article/Jack_O_Lanterns/

ORAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT LESSON

Use your Braidy the StoryBraid™ “rings” or Story Grammar Marker® “beads” for a hands-on, multi-sensory way to orally practice “listing” or “sequencing” of materials or steps needed for making a Jack-O-Lantern.

WRITING LESSON

Then, using MindWing magnets and/or ThemeMaker™ Maps, fill-in the following LIST and SEQUENCE content for a writing lesson individually or as a class.



How to Carve a Pumpkin – A LIST of Items and Tools You Need

- 🕯 Newspaper
- 🕯 Pumpkins
- 🕯 Paring Knives/ Chef's Knives
- 🕯 Large Spoon
- 🕯 Felt-tip Pens
- 🕯 Pencils
- 🕯 Votive Candles

Sample Topic Sentence:

There are several items and tools necessary for carving a pumpkin to make a Jack-O-Lantern.



How to Carve a Pumpkin – A SEQUENCE of Steps to Carving A Pumpkin to Make a Jack-O-Lantern

- 1 FIRST,**
Pick out a fresh pumpkin in a shape that you like; short and round or tall and oval and place it on spread out newspapers.
- 2 NEXT,**
Draw a circle or hexagon (with a pencil or felt tip pen) on top of the pumpkin in preparation for making an opening large enough for your hand to reach through.
- 3 AFTER THAT,**
Cut through the stem end of the pumpkin along your outline with a sharp knife. Use a back-and-forth slicing motion to cut through the thick, tough skin.
- 4 THEN,**
Remove the stem end, which will act as a cap, making sure you scrape off any seeds or pulp.
- 5 NEXT,**
Use a large spoon to scoop out the seeds and pulp from inside the pumpkin.
- 6 AFTER THAT,**
Draw a pattern for the face on the clean pumpkin with a felt-tip pen, or draw the lines into the skin using a pencil. Be sure to make the eyes, nose and mouth large enough (it may be tough to cut out tiny features when you're using a big knife blade to saw through tough skin).
- 7 THEN,**
Follow your pattern as you cut all the way through the pumpkin.
- 8 NEXT,**
Push the cut-out features gently from the inside of the pumpkin and throw away the pieces.
- 9 FINALLY,**
Place a votive candle inside the pumpkin to create a warm glow to enjoy during Halloween and throughout the Autumn season.

Sample Topic Sentence:

There are several steps for carving a pumpkin in order to make a Jack-O-Lantern.

Happy Halloween...Have a wonderful Fall season.