

# Trick or Treat

Running out of school with a leaflet in his hand, Daniel was excited to tell his Mum about the Halloween party at school next week. He'd always seen the houses decorated with pumpkins and cobwebs each year but had never actually been trick or treating himself.

"Mum, mum, please can I go to the Halloween party?" Daniel pleaded.

Mum read the leaflet carefully and saw that the party was straight after school on Thursday. After thinking about it, she agreed that it would be fun for Daniel to go to the party but she would check with Dad.

"We'll need to make a costume for you though because it's a fancy dress party," explained Mum, "Have a think about what you'd like to go as. Don't expect a costume whipping up on Thursday morning!"

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Daniel chose a monster outfit for the Halloween party. After a quick trip to the charity shop, his parents helped him alter the trousers and T-shirt they had bought. All that was left was to get some green face paint and Daniel was ready.

"Daniel, would you like to go trick or treating after the Halloween party?" Mum asked.

She'd chatted to some of the other parents and they'd agreed that now the children were all a little older, it would be a good opportunity to take them in their costumes to visit a few houses to trick or treat.

"You know we should only visit houses which are decorated with pumpkins, don't you?" Daniel reminded his mum.

"That's right," agreed Mum, "people put decorations out to show that they are happy for trick or treaters to knock on the door. What else do we need to remember?"

Daniel thought carefully about what his teacher had told him and remembered that they shouldn't go too late, in case people were nervous about answering their doors and that they should think of some fun little tricks to play such as telling jokes or simple magic tricks.

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Thursday soon arrived and Daniel and his friends couldn't stop chattering about the party and trick or treating. They had all made fantastic costumes and were planning to put on some face paint later too. They showed each other the tricks they had prepared; some of the jokes were terrible! First, they had to concentrate on their lessons but luckily, their teacher had planned plenty of Halloween-themed fun including making masks for the party later.

As soon as the bell had rung, the children raced into the hall for their party. The time passed quickly and Daniel had a great time apple bobbing and dancing with his friends.

"Come on," called Mum, "time for trick or treating!"

As well as Daniel, his friends Sally and Tyler went looking for houses decorated for trick or treaters. They took it in turns to knock on the door and shout "Trick or Treat" when the door was opened. It was a good job they had prepared a few tricks to show people who asked! Lots of people laughed at their silly jokes and enjoyed their magic tricks and very quickly the children had plenty of treats to take home with them.

Daniel noticed it was getting dark and remembered about not knocking on doors too late. It seemed a shame for the fun to end but he saw that there were few children out now and many of the pumpkins had gone out.

"We should probably go home soon," Mum said, clearly thinking the same thing, "Let's visit one last house."

"It's been great fun, Mum, can we do it again next year?" asked Daniel.

"I suppose so," replied Mum, "You've probably got enough sweets here to last you until then anyway!"



# Questions

1. What time of day is it as the story begins? How do we know?

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2. Find and copy a word which shows Daniel really wanted to go to the Halloween party.

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3. What does this tell us about Mum's feelings about the costume?

**"Don't expect a costume whipping up on Thursday morning!"**

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4. Why were Mum and the other parents happy for the children to go trick or treating this year? Tick one.

- Mum could take them because she wasn't working.
- The weather was dry enough.
- They went trick or treating every year.
- The children were old enough now.

5. What three things does Daniel remember they should do when trick or treating?

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

6. What did Daniel and his friends plan to do to add to their costumes?

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7. Tick the correct box related to each statement in the table:

	True	False
Daniel and his friends had made lanterns for the party.		
Daniel danced and played apple bobbing.		
The Halloween party was in the classroom.		
They took it in turns to knock on doors.		
Daniel's teacher helped them make costumes for the party.		

For those statements which are false, write the correct statement below:

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8. Find and copy two things which showed Daniel it was time to go home.

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9. Find and copy a sentence which shows Daniel enjoyed trick or treating.

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10. How do we know that Daniel and his friends were given a lot of sweets?

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# Answers

1. What time of day is it as the story begins? How do we know?

**It is around 3.30pm. We know because it says Daniel is running out of school.**

2. Find and copy a word which shows Daniel really wanted to go to the Halloween party.

**Pleaded.**

3. What does this tell us about Mum's feelings about the costume?

**"Don't expect a costume whipping up on Thursday morning!"**

**It tells us that she knows it will take some time to make a good costume and that she will be cross if Daniel leaves it until the last minute.**

4. Why were Mum and the other parents happy for the children to go trick or treating this year? Tick one.

- Mum could take them because she wasn't working.
- The weather was dry enough.
- They went trick or treating every year.
- The children were old enough now.**

5. What three things does Daniel remember they should do when trick or treating?

- 1. They should only knock on doors of houses which have put out pumpkin decorations.**
- 2. They shouldn't knock on doors too late.**

**3. They should think of some jokes and magic tricks to play.**

6. What did Daniel and his friends plan to do to add to their costumes?

**They planned to do some face painting.**

7. Tick the correct box related to each statement in the table:

	True	False
Daniel and his friends had made lanterns for the party.		✓
Daniel danced and played apple bobbing.	✓	
The Halloween party was in the classroom.		✓
They took it in turns to knock on doors.	✓	
Daniel's teacher helped them make costumes for the party.		✓

For those statements which are false, write the correct statement below:

**Correct statements: Daniel and his friends had made costumes for the party, The Halloween party was in the hall, Daniel's teacher helped them make masks for the party.**

8. Find and copy two things which showed Daniel it was time to go home.

**Any two of: It was getting dark, There were few children out now, Many of the pumpkins had gone out.**

9. Find and copy a sentence which shows Daniel enjoyed trick or treating.

**It's been great fun, Mum, can we do it again next year?**

10. How do we know that Daniel and his friends were given a lot of sweets?

**Mum said that they probably had enough sweets to last them until they could go trick-or-treating next year.**