

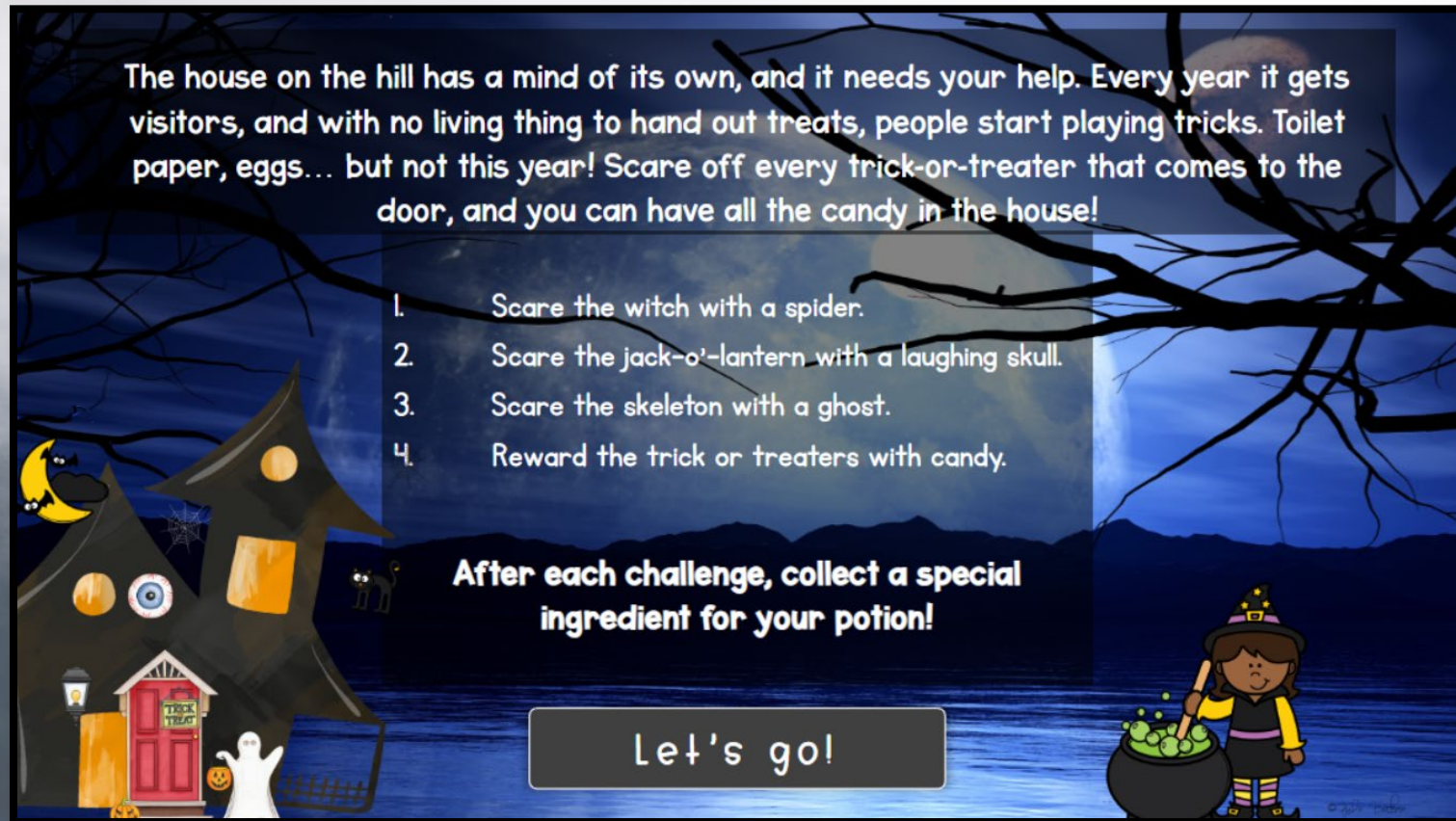
2nd & 3rd Grade

# Reading & Comprehension

## Haunted House Escape Room

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**Escape the Haunted House!**  
Students won't realize they are practicing Reading Comprehension skills! They will be immersed in the storytelling and our original videos as they complete reading comprehension challenges.

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## Challenge #1

1. Read the passages and answer the questions.
2. Use your answers to scare the witch with a spider.
3. Collect a special ingredient for your potion after the challenge.



1. What is the author's purpose for writing the passage?
  - a. To describe how crows and ravens are related
  - b. To answer a question about ravens' migration patterns
  - c. To give information about ravens.
  - d. To explain how to identify a raven
2. According to the text, what are ravens often associated with?
  - a. Frogs
  - b. Knights
  - c. Witches
  - d. Owls
3. According to the text, what is one difference between ravens and crows?
  - a. Ravens come around during Halloween more than crows do.
  - b. Ravens can do summersaults and fly upside down. Crows cannot.

Crows are larger than ravens.  
Crows have bigger bills than ravens.

### Ravens

Ravens are often seen in spooky movies. They are perched on the roofs of haunted houses. They look like soldiers keeping guard. Sometimes, ravens are associated with witches. They have magical powers and make humans uneasy with their caws. Poets, such as Edgar Allan Poe, have also written about the mysterious raven.

Real ravens are just as fascinating. They are all black with a four-foot wingspan. From head to tail, ravens are about two feet tall. Males and females look alike, except females are slightly smaller. The average weight of a raven is about 40 ounces.

It can be hard to tell a raven from a crow, but there are some differences. Ravens are larger birds than crows. They have bigger bills. Ravens also have a ruff of feathers at their throat, called *hackles*. Ravens and crows also fly differently. A raven will soar more than a crow. They can do somersaults and fly upside down. These two birds have different wing and tail shapes, too. Ravens have more slots between their wing feathers. They have wedge-shaped tails, while crow tails are shaped like fans.

Ravens are found in many habitats. They prefer open spaces. Ravens have been spotted in farms and orchards, forests along lakes or streams, savannas, and suburban areas. They don't like



# 4 Reading Challenges

- Challenges focused on reading comprehension skills.
- Each challenge takes about 20-30 minutes
- 1 poem, and 4 fiction passages.
- Multiple choice questions
- Passages in 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Text Complexity band (420L-820L)
- Passages and questions are scaffolded

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# 4 Reading Challenges

- Themed videos integrated throughout the Escape Room to keep kids engaged.
- Students work in groups, partners, or independently.

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## Challenge #4

1. Read the passages and answer the questions.
2. Use your answers to reward the trick-or-treaters with candy.
3. Collect a special ingredient for your potion after the challenge.



1. What is the setting of the story?
  - a. It's Halloween, and the kids are all at Rita's grandmother's grave in the cemetery.
  - b. It's a sunny morning, and the kids are at Monica's grandmother's house.
  - c. It's Halloween, and the kids are all at Javier's house eating cupcakes.
  - d. It's Halloween, and the kids are at Eliza Mooney's house.
2. According to the story, why are the kids so scared of trick-or-treating at Eliza Mooney's house?
  - a. Eliza Mooney is supposedly a Dark Magic witch, and her house is haunted!
  - b. Eliza Mooney gives out spooky prizes to trick-or-treaters.
  - c. Eliza Mooney's big, scary dog chases trick-or-treaters away every year.
  - d. Eliza Mooney doesn't like to eat children's toes.
3. Which of the following sentences describes why Monica is willing to complete the dare?
  - a. "Maybe we should head back to Javier's," Monica said, her voice shaky."
  - b. "Then her friends would think she was awesome."
  - c. "Monica stopped running and turned around to face the house."
  - d. "When Monica turned back around to the old woman, her smile was even brighter than before."

## A Halloween Dare

Monica followed her friends down the street. Why had she played the game? One minute they were at Javier's Halloween party about to eat yummy cupcakes, and the next she'd reached into a paper bag full of slips of paper. She'd had no idea that dares were written on each paper. No idea that she'd pick the one that said, *We dare you to trick or treat at Old Looney Mooney's house.*

Everyone knew Eliza Mooney's house was haunted. Mooney herself was a crazy old witch who collected children's souls for Dark Magic.

Monica wasn't excited to see if that rumor was true...

"Maybe we should head back to Javier's," Monica said, her

play."

Javier didn't slow his pace toward Mooney's house. "No

Timmy laughed behind them. "You are so scared, Monica

"If you're not scared," Monica said, "then do it with me

The boy's face paled. "I... I didn't pick the dare." He m

When they arrived at Mooney's house, they stood in f

"It looks even creepier tonight," Rita said.

They looked toward the creepy house. A few black st

were bats.

"Well," Javier began. "Go ahead, Monica."

Swallowing loudly, Monica reached for the iron gate

she walked up the crumbling brick steps. The air smelled

## Candy!

Enter your answers in the Cauldron Decoder to see if you are ready to reward the trick-or-treaters with candy.



DO NOT go to the next page until you've answered the question on your brochure!

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## Jack-O-Friend

Jack watched as one by one his fellow pumpkins got picked from the patch. They went off with families full of excited children. His friends were about to have the best Halloween ever as they had silly faces drawn onto them. They'd get to stand proudly on the front steps of cozy homes with other decorations. They'd become what they were meant to be.

But not Jack.

He had grown a little crooked on his vine. He wasn't a nice round shape. Instead, he was long and skinny. He had a weird bump on his side, and his stem was twisted. His orange skin was dotted with small, brown spots. No one would pick him to take home. He'd be the only pumpkin left in that field soon.

He'd be all alone.

Jack sat in the pumpkin patch under the beaming autumn sun. A few crows fluttered down to pick at popcorn that some guests had accidentally dropped earlier in the day. They eyed him, knowing if he didn't get picked, he might become

Night fell, and morning pumpkins nearby, and sure however, Jack found a bo

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a. A garden

c. A pumpkin patch

b. The grocery store




d. A backyard

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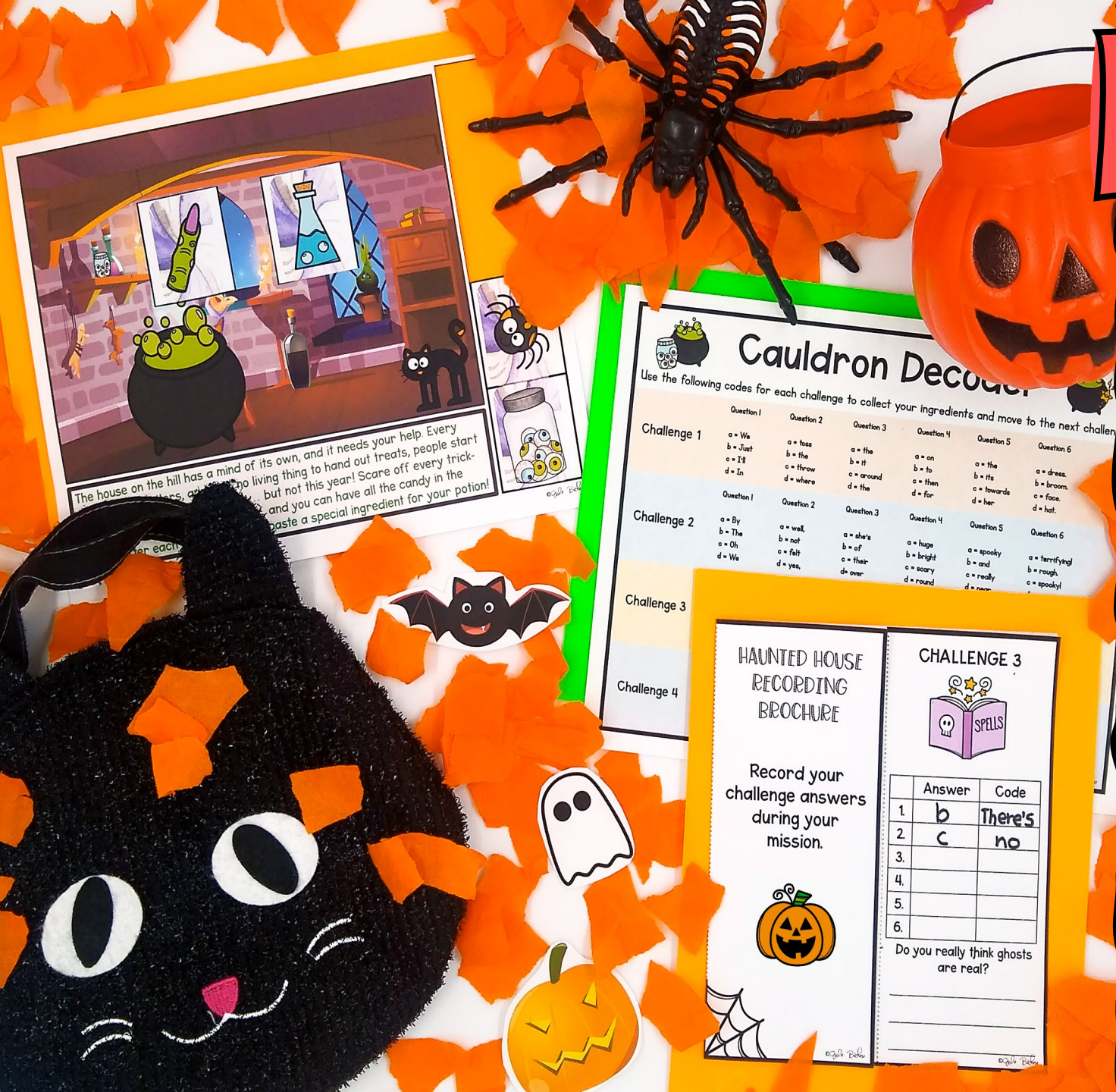
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- Cut and paste stamps for each challenge
- Easy to follow
- Optimal for group or partner work
- Recording brochure for answers
- Self-checking decoder
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- OOPS! Cards for differentiation

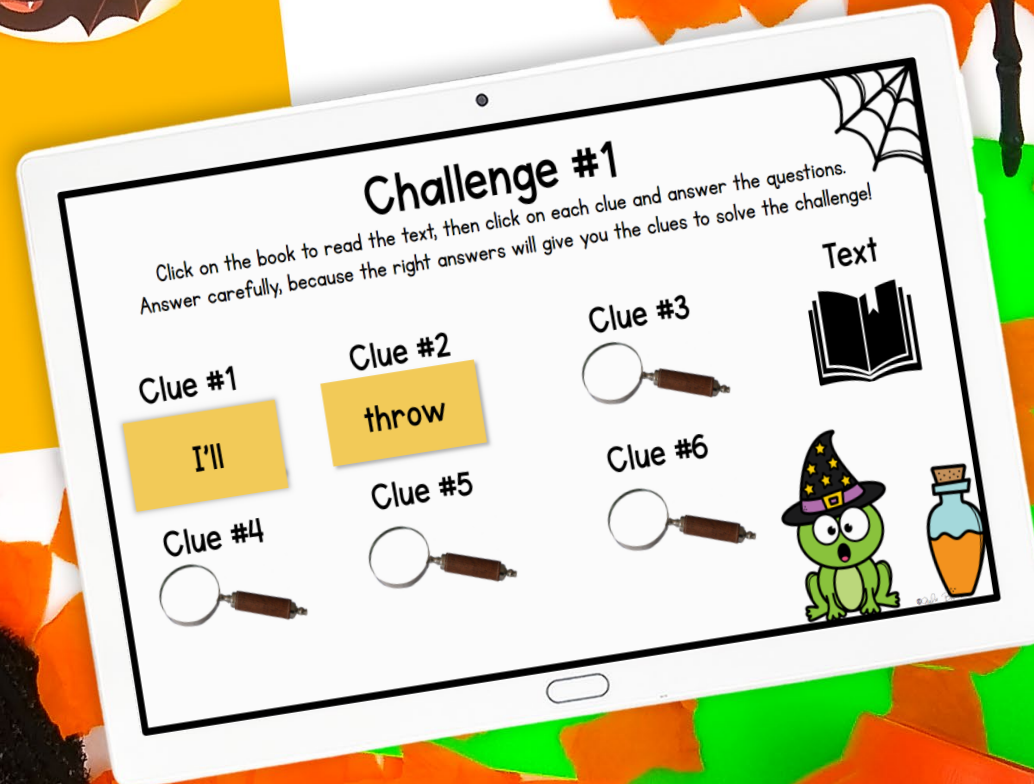
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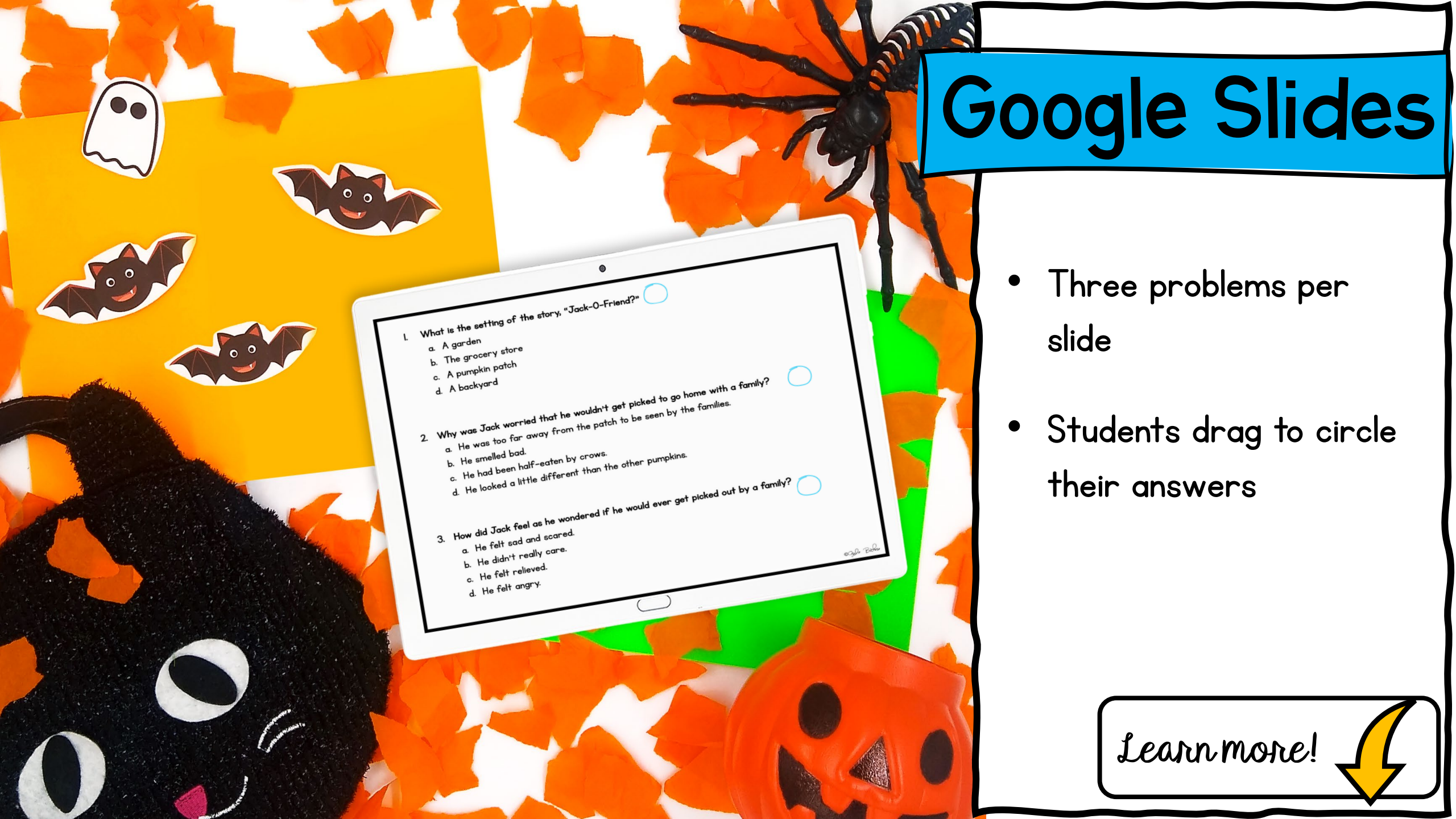
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- Zero prep! Just share the link with your students.

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# Google Slides

- Three problems per slide
- Students drag to circle their answers

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1. What is the setting of the story, "Jack-O-Friend?" ☐
- A garden
  - The grocery store
  - A pumpkin patch
  - A backyard
2. Why was Jack worried that he wouldn't get picked to go home with a family? ☐
- He was too far away from the patch to be seen by the families.
  - He smelled bad.
  - He had been half-eaten by crows.
  - He looked a little different than the other pumpkins.
3. How did Jack feel as he wondered if he would ever get picked out by a family? ☐
- He felt sad and scared.
  - He didn't really care.
  - He felt relieved.
  - He felt angry.

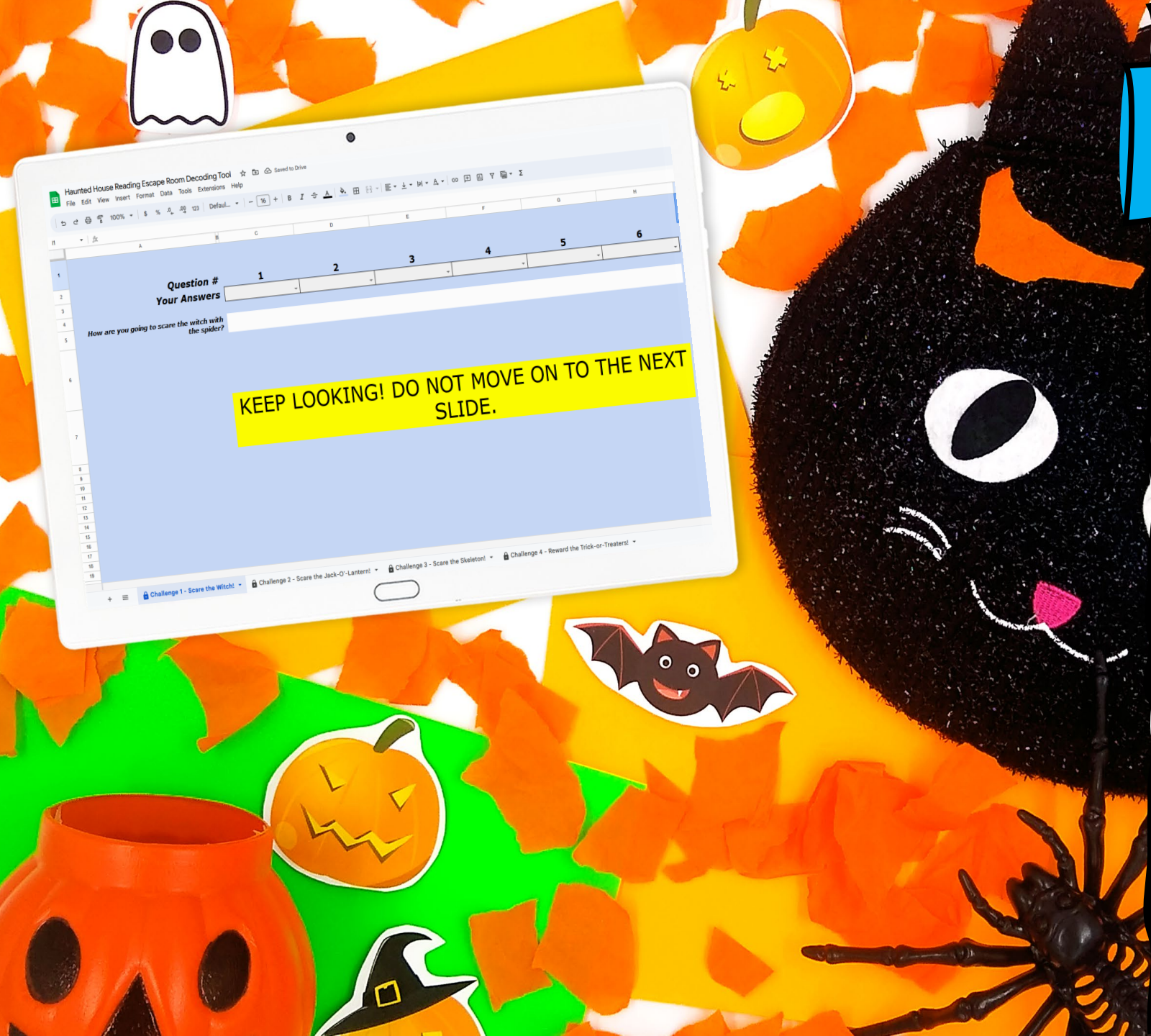
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- Toggle to self-checking decoder
- Decoder will prompt at the end of each challenge whether students are correct or need to check their work.

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