

## Halloween Trivia

Gather your co-workers for a friendly (or competitive!) trivia game in the staff lounge, or try these Halloween trivia questions out in your classroom to add a bit of learning to your spooky celebration. Here's how it works:

- Assign a "host" to read the questions and be the "judge" ...microphone optional. If you're doing trivia in the classroom, congratulations—you're the host!
- **a** Break your staff or class into two teams. Feel free to use <u>this randomizer</u> if fairness is in question.
- **&** KEEP SCORE! Bragging rights are important!
- **a** Don't forget the prizes. There are plenty of leftover popcorn balls to go around.
- The "host" asks each team a question. If the team gets it correct, they get a point. If they do not get it right, the "host" reads the answer and poses a new question to the next team. No stealing!
- Add up the points at the end of the game and "voila!" Winner, winner, chicken dinner!

## **Questions**

- **Question #1:** What is Samhainophobia? (Pronounced /Sam-hein-oh-fohbee-uh/)
- Answer #1: Samhainophobia is the fear of Halloween. If you are a teacher, principal, or anyone that encounters children the day of AND the day after Halloween, you likely have it!
- © Question #2: How much candy is purchased per person in the US each Halloween?
- Answer #2: Two pounds. PER PERSON! Oh, and that PER PERSON statistic, includes kids! Your kids. The kids in YOUR classrooms.
- **a** Question #3: The first jack-o-lantern was not a pumpkin! What was it?
- Answer #3: A turnip! That must have been a big turnip!

- Question #4: What was the weight of the largest pumpkin ever grown?
- Answer #4: 836 lbs. That's a huge pumpkin!
- **a** Question #5: Where is the birthplace of Halloween?
- Answer #5: Ireland. Why do they need Halloween when they have St. Patrick's Day and Shamrock Shakes?
- **Question #6:** If a person wears his or her clothes inside out and then walks backwards on Halloween, what is said to happen at midnight?
- Answer #6: He or she will see a witch.
- **a** Question #7: Where is the Halloween capital of the world?
- 👻 Answer #7: Salem, MA
- **a** Question #8: What was the original name for candy corn?
- 👻 Answer #8: Butter cream candy or chicken feed.
- Question #9: What is the most popular Halloween candy?
- Answer #9: Snickers. It satisfies.
- Question #10: Every Halloween, Charlie Brown helps his friend Linus wait for what character to appear?
- Answer #10: The Great Pumpkin...nope, not Snoopy.
- **a** Question #11: Pumpkins can be orange, white, green, or what other color?
- 👻 Answer #11: Blue. Bonus point for this one!
- **Question #12:** Bobbing for apples is thought to have originated from the roman harvest festival that honors Pomona, the goddess of \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Answer #12: Fruit trees! Bet you thought it was apples...or pumpkins...or turnips!
- Answer #13: Their eyebrows meet in the middle. They have hairy palms. They have a long middle finger. They turn hairy in the moonlight. Any one of these answers will do!