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Mom: Okay then. Make sure you are home by 9:00. Have fun and try not to eat all the candy. Save some for me.

Did you get it

1. When is Halloween celebrated?
2. What is a Jack-o'-lantern?
3. What kinds of costumes do people dress up in?
4. What do the children do on Halloween?
 - a) sing in churches
 - b) go out for dinner
 - c) go trick-or-treating
 - d) open presents
5. Why don't they want Sam to take them "trick-or treating"?
 - a) He is not very nice.
 - b) He does not like Halloween.
 - c) He eats all of their candy.
 - d) They are old enough to go alone.
6. What are Lisa and Ella dressing up as?
7. What costume is mom making for Sam?
 - a) ghost
 - b) zombie
 - c) witch
 - d) dinosaur
8. Why do you think that a lot of kids like to celebrate Halloween?

Write

1. Have you celebrated Halloween? Describe what you did and what it was like. If you have not celebrated it before, would you like to celebrate Halloween? Explain.
2. If you would go to a Halloween party, what kind of costume would you wear? Describe your costume and why you chose it.

Explore

1. Find out what are some popular costumes for Halloween this year (or last year).
2. What kinds of decorations might you find on or around people's houses for Halloween?



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Attention

Halloween firas i många engelskspråkiga länder i världen. Det är en av barnens favorit-högtider då de får klä ut sig och äta en massa godis. I denna text finns först en kort faktatext om *Halloween*. Sedan följer en dialog mellan Ella och hennes mamma. Ella och hennes vän Lisa vill gå ut på *Halloween* och göra "bus eller godis".

I denna text kan eleverna lyssna lite extra på orden: *just, costume, witch, zombie* och *neighborhood*.



Words and expressions

Jack-o'-lantern – En tradition vid *Halloween* är att gröpa ur en pumpa, skära ut ett ansikte och tända ljus i pumpan så att den lyser upp mörkret. Denna pumpa kallas för *Jack-o'-lantern*.

Trick-or-treat – på svenska "bus eller godis". Barn klär ut sig och knackar dörr. När någon öppnar säger de "*trick or treat*". Om man inte har godis att ge så kan det bli bus.

Grammar

Contractions

Eleverna övar på vanliga sammandragna former:

<i>we're</i>	<i>we are</i>	<i>don't</i>	<i>do not</i>
<i>doesn't</i>	<i>does not</i>	<i>it's</i>	<i>it is</i>
<i>I'll</i>	<i>I will</i>	<i>isn't</i>	<i>is not</i>

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...I don't want you going to any houses without Sam.

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Extensions

För inspiration, mer information, bilder och videos sök på:

- *Halloween*
- *Halloween costumes*
- *Jack-o'-lantern*
- *Trick-or-treat*
- *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (en klassisk Halloweenberättelse)

Name:

Contractions A

Contractions are common in English. You make contractions by putting two words together and using an apostrophe (') instead of certain letters. Below you will find some of the more common ones.

A. Match the number with the correct contraction.

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|------------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 1. I am | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. I'll |
| 2. I have | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. you're |
| 3. I will | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. we're |
| 4. you are | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. I've |
| 5. we are | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. I'm |

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|------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 11. she is/has | <input type="checkbox"/> | k. what's |
| 12. that is/has | <input type="checkbox"/> | l. that's |
| 13. what is/has | <input type="checkbox"/> | m. there's |
| 14. there is/has | <input type="checkbox"/> | n. she's |
| 15. you will | <input type="checkbox"/> | o. you'll |

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|---------------|--------------------------|------------|
| 6. they are | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. they've |
| 7. you have | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. we've |
| 8. we have | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. you've |
| 9. they have | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. they're |
| 10. he is/has | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. he's |

B. Match the contractions with the correct words.

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|------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 1. let's | <input type="checkbox"/> | a. she will |
| 2. don't | <input type="checkbox"/> | b. they will |
| 3. she'll | <input type="checkbox"/> | c. let us |
| 4. they'll | <input type="checkbox"/> | d. cannot |
| 5. can't | <input type="checkbox"/> | e. do not |

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|--------------|--------------------------|---------------|
| 6. isn't | <input type="checkbox"/> | f. is not |
| 7. doesn't | <input type="checkbox"/> | g. will not |
| 8. shouldn't | <input type="checkbox"/> | h. should not |
| 9. haven't | <input type="checkbox"/> | i. does not |
| 10. won't | <input type="checkbox"/> | j. have not |



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