

Bucket Communication Symbols

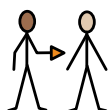
These symbols are designed to help children and young people communicate when they're out trick or treating.



Cut out



the symbols



you'd



like

to



use

and



attach



them

to



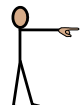
your



bucket.



You can then



point

to



the symbol

to



help communicate

whilst out



trick or treating.

The symbols can also be cut out and attached to recordable AAC talking buttons to support communication on the go.



Happy
Halloween



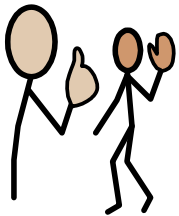
Trick or
Treat



yes



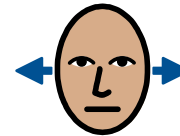
thank you



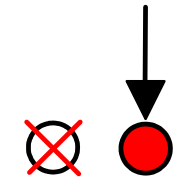
hello



goodbye



no



something else

Halloween Communication Cards

These cards support children and young people who may find communicating during Halloween difficult, including those who are non-speaking or experience anxiety or uncertainty about what to say.

They are designed to be used alongside The Halloween Story to Help, which can help children understand what to expect when visiting houses and taking part in Halloween.

If helpful, practise using the cards at home through role play, taking turns being the person at the door.

Every child communicates differently, so there is no right or wrong way to use these cards. The aim is to give your child a familiar and supportive way to communicate and help them feel more confident and included during Halloween.

Card 1 – Communication Card

For children and young people who may be non-speaking or feel anxious about speaking. Carry Card 1 and hand it to the person answering the door. It explains how they are communicating and asks for a Halloween treat.

Card 2 – Halloween Script Card

For children and young people who may feel unsure or anxious about what to say. Carry Card 2 as a prompt to use before or at the door. They can use as much or as little of the script as they need.

Card 1



I'm communicating with this card today.

Please could I have a Halloween treat?

Thank you for your patience and kindness.

Happy Halloween!

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Card 2



"Happy Halloween!"

"Could I have a Halloween treat, please?"

"Thank you!"

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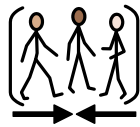
Halloween

Story to Help



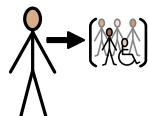


Halloween is an event that happens every year.

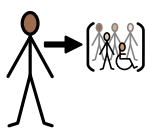


It happens on 31st October.

31st



Lots of people take part in Halloween.



People take part in Halloween in different ways.



Some people



wear



costumes

and



some people



do not.

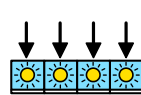


A costume



looks different

from



everyday



clothes.



People



dress up

as



monsters,



superheroes

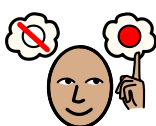
or



other characters.



I have



a choice

to



wear

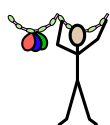
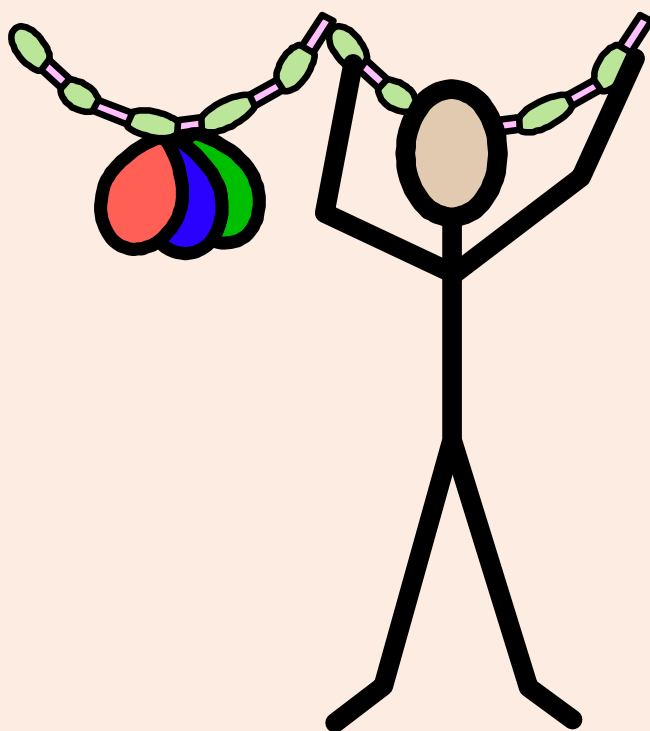


a costume

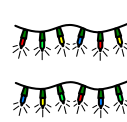
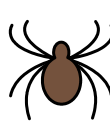
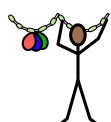
or



not.



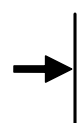
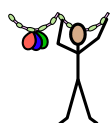
People decorate their homes for Halloween.



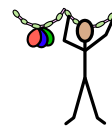
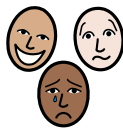
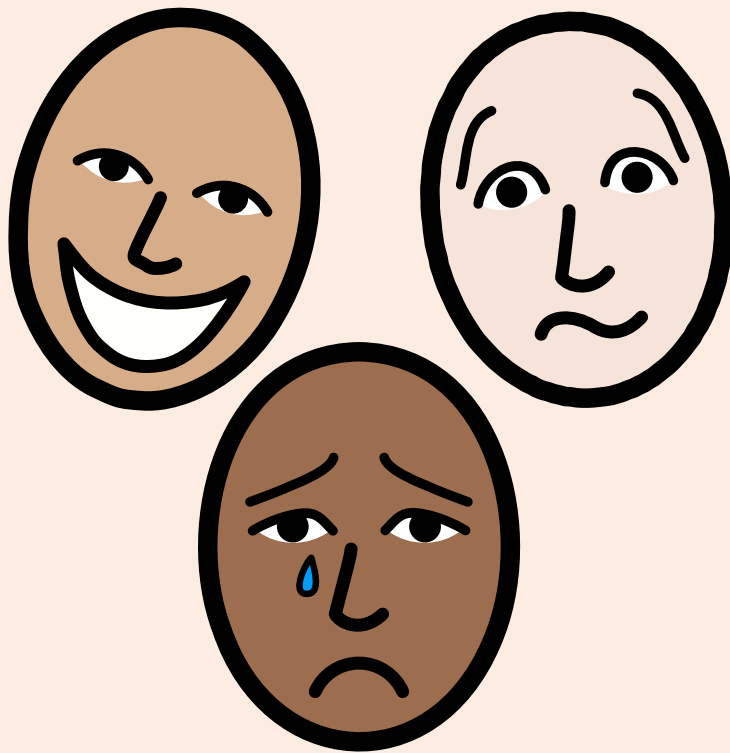
Decorations might include pumpkins, spiders, webs, ghosts or lights.



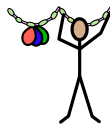
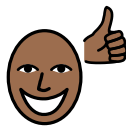
Some decorations look funny and some look spooky.



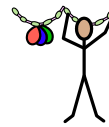
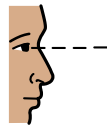
Decorations may look different from house to house.



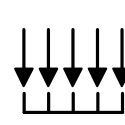
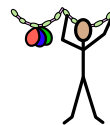
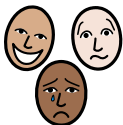
People have different feelings about Halloween decorations.



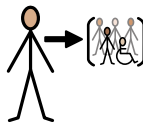
Some people enjoy the decorations.



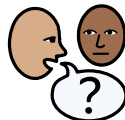
Some people feel unsure when they see the decorations.



Different feelings about Halloween decorations are all okay.



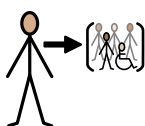
Trick or treating is one way to take part in Halloween.



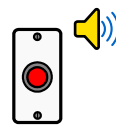
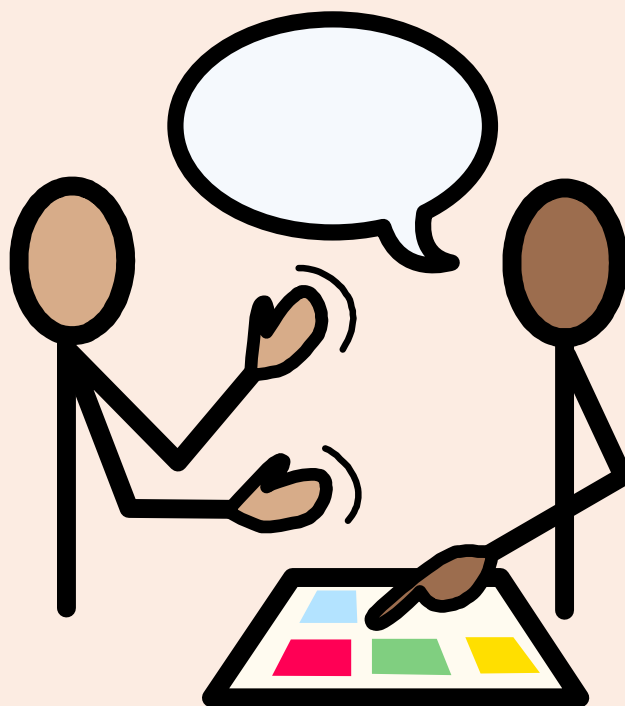
It means visiting houses and asking for a Halloween treat.



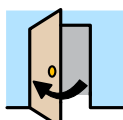
Children often go with family/carers, friends or trusted adults.



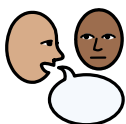
Everyone takes part in Halloween in different ways.



When visiting a house, I might knock on the door or ring the bell.



The person inside may open the door and say hello.



I might say "Happy Halloween" or "Trick or Treat".



I may communicate in the way that works best for me.



Some children and young people



use



communication cards.

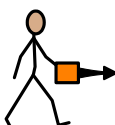


I might



choose

to



take



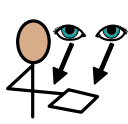
a communication card



with me.

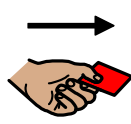


I might



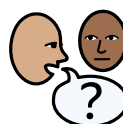
show

or



use my card

to



ask

for



a treat.



People



communicate

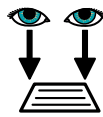
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different ways.



Some children and young people



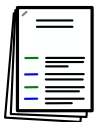
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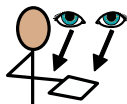
a Halloween



script card.



A script card



shows



words

that



someone



might like

to



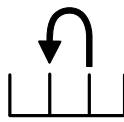
use.



The card



can be used



before



knocking on a door

or as



a reminder.



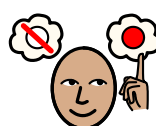
I may



use words



from my card



or choose



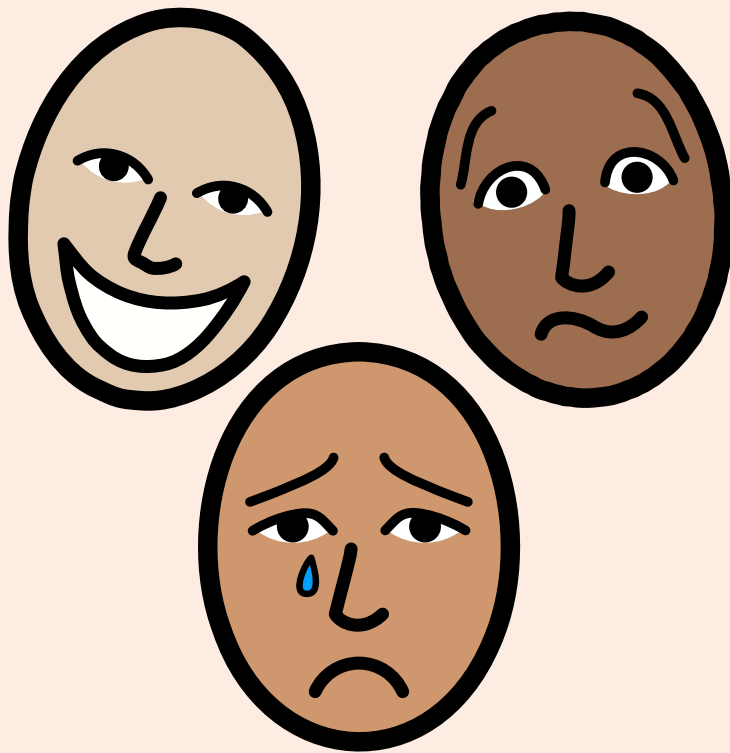
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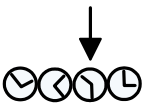


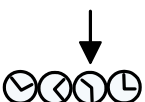
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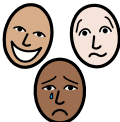


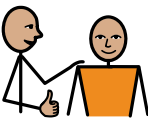
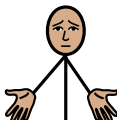
to say.

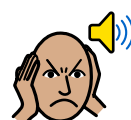
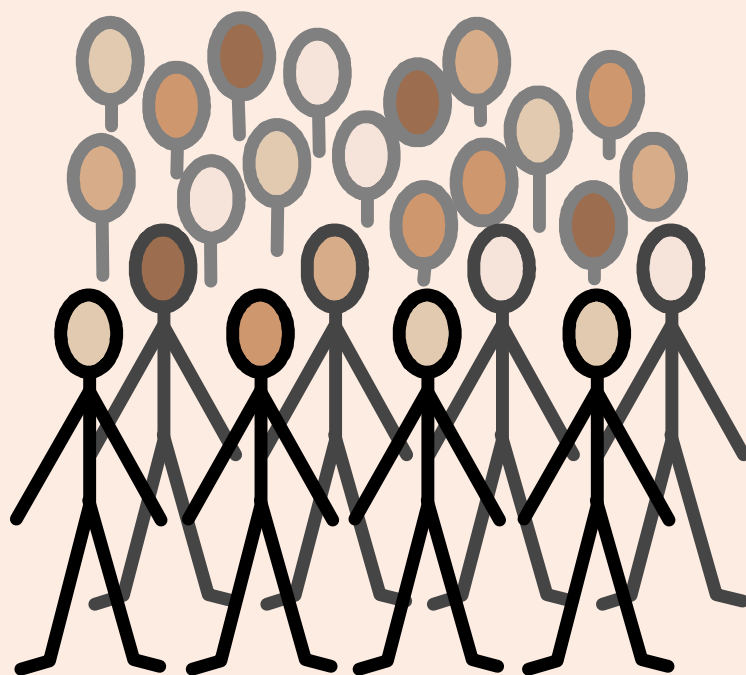


 Sometimes
  I may
  feel excited
  while
  trick or treating.

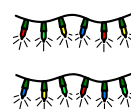
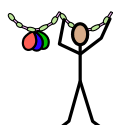
 Sometimes
  I may
  feel unsure,
  worried
  or nervous.

 It is okay
  to have different
  feelings
  during
  Halloween.

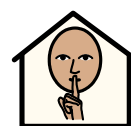
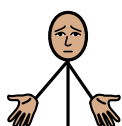
 Trusted adults
  are there to support me
  if I need it.



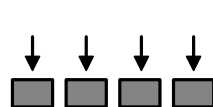
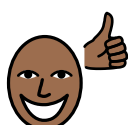
Halloween might sometimes be busy and noisy.



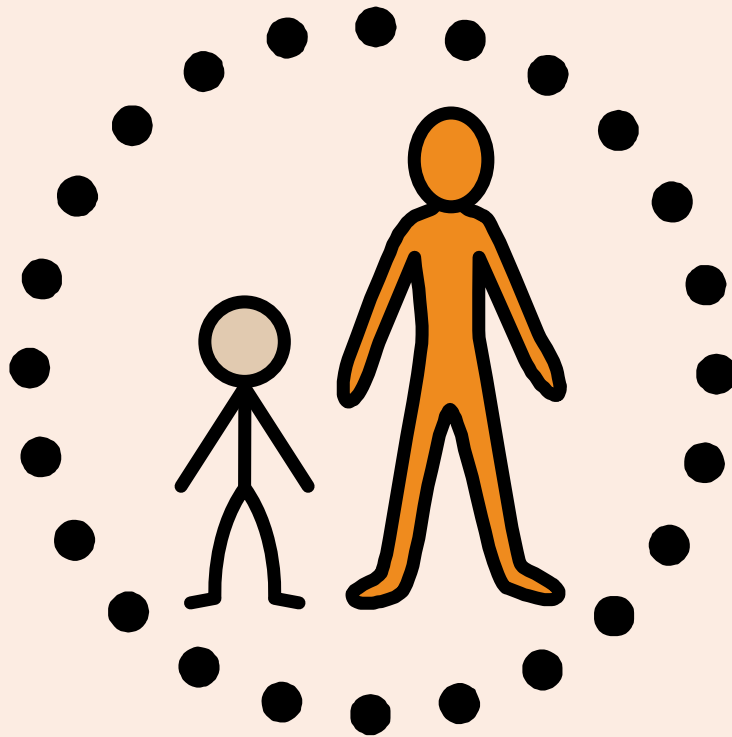
There may be lots of people, decorations, sounds and lights.



I might need a break or need to find a quieter place.



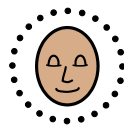
Different people enjoy different parts of Halloween.



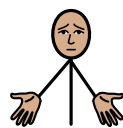
Trusted adults often go trick or treating too.



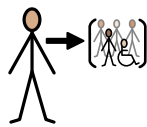
Trusted adults help children know where to go and what to do.



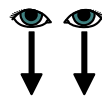
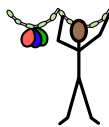
They support children to stay safe throughout Halloween.



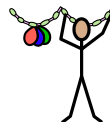
They can help if needed.



Some houses take part in Halloween.



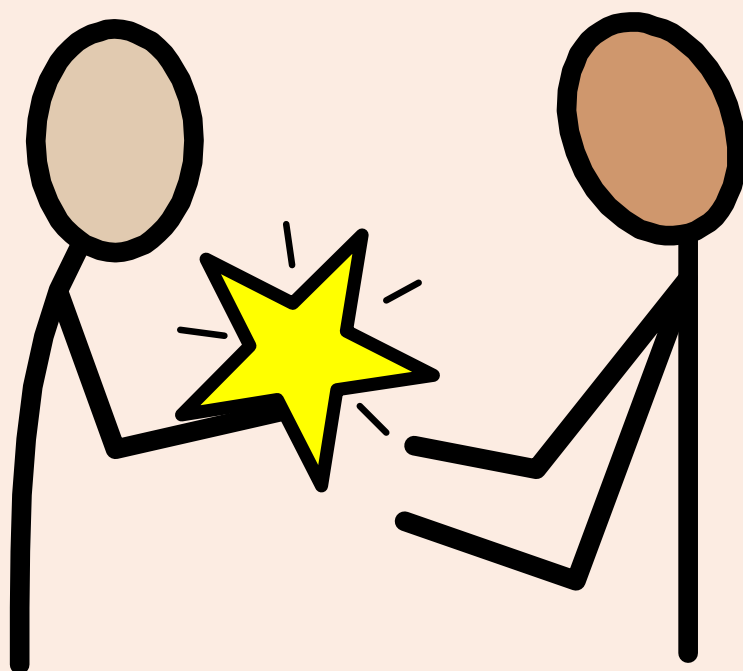
A pumpkin or Halloween decorations may show this.



People often visit houses with Halloween decorations.



People celebrate Halloween in different ways and this is okay.



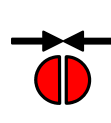
A person may give me a Halloween treat when I visit their house.



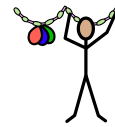
Different houses may offer different treats.



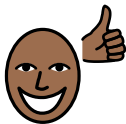
Some houses might not have any treats to give and this is okay.



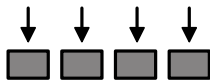
Many families check their treats together when they get home.



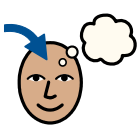
Halloween is a time for costumes and decorations.



People enjoy Halloween in different ways.



I may choose the parts of Halloween that are right for me.



I am learning about Halloween.



Halloween



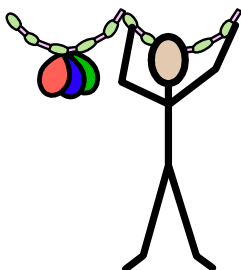
costume



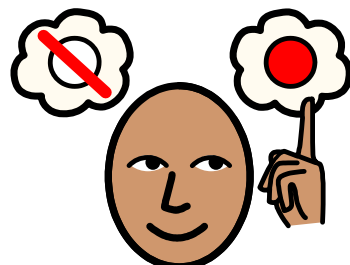
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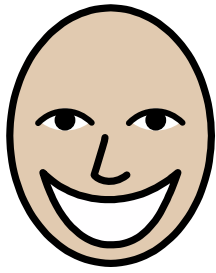
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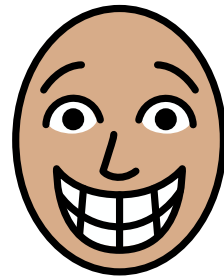
decorations



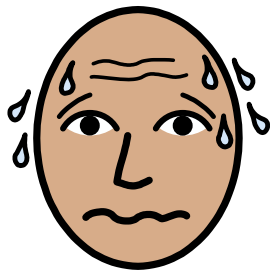
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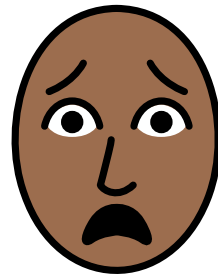
happy



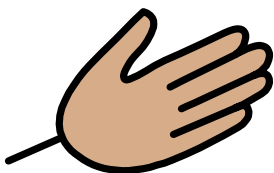
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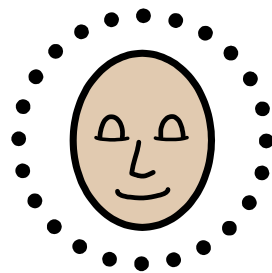
worried



unsure



help

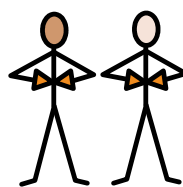


stay safe



Happy Halloween

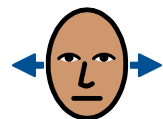




Sorry, we've run out of sweets!



Happy Halloween!



No need to knock — please



1



help yourself to one sweet!



Please



take

1

only one



sweet!



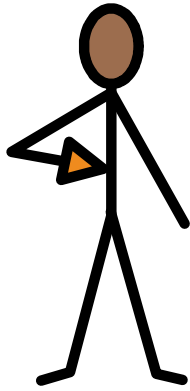
Happy Halloween!



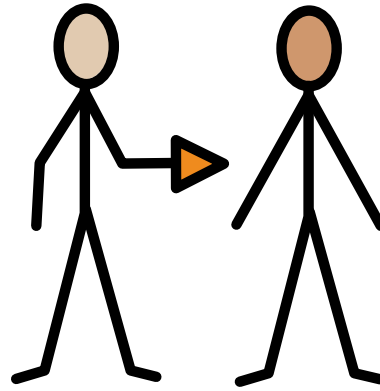
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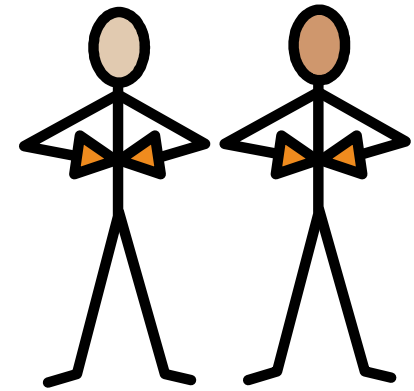
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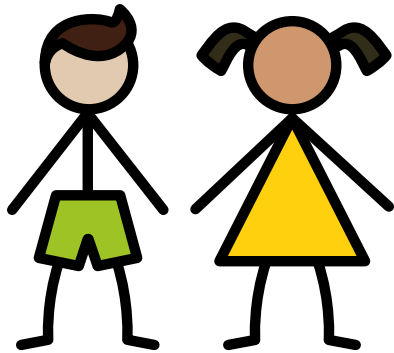
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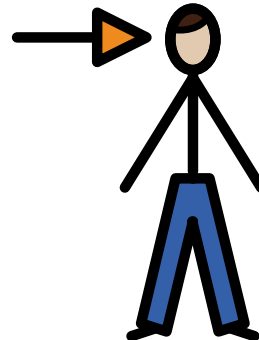
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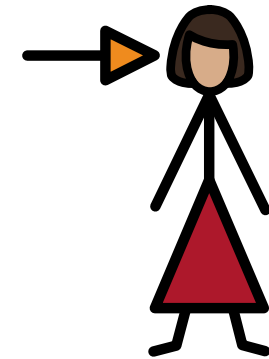
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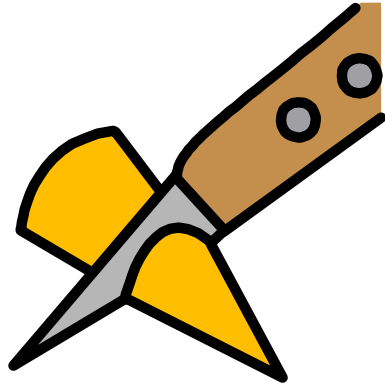
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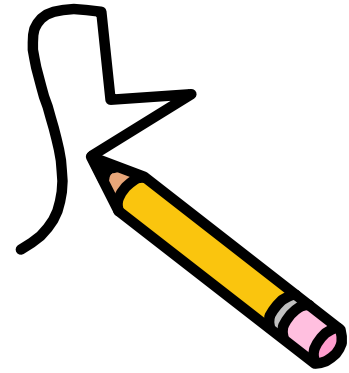
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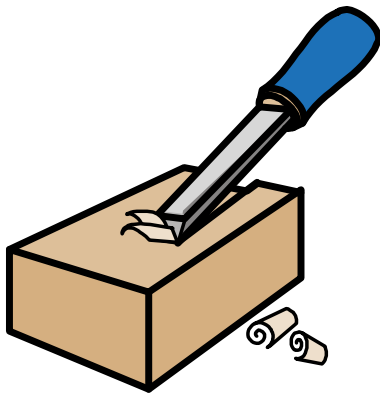
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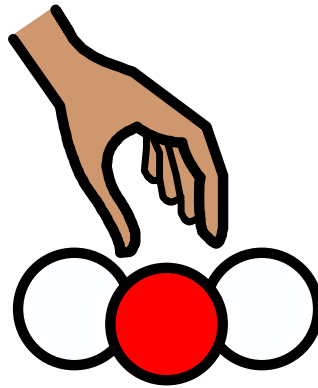
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draw



carve



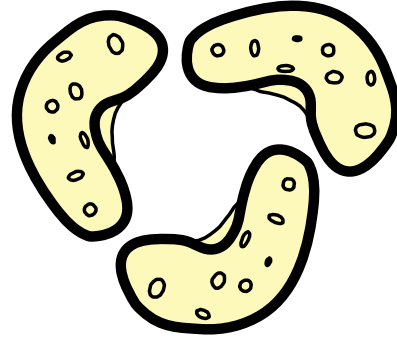
choose



light



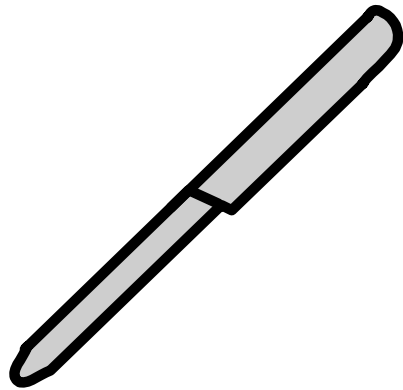
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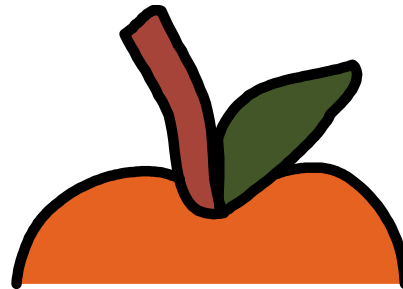
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spoon



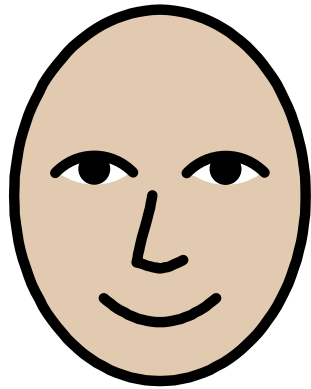
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stalk



candle



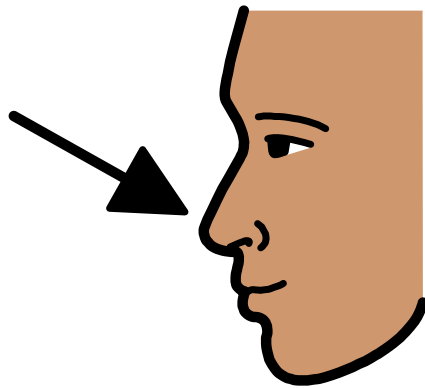
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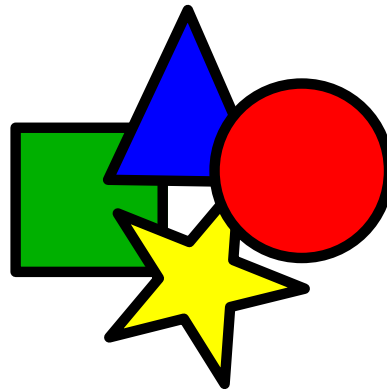
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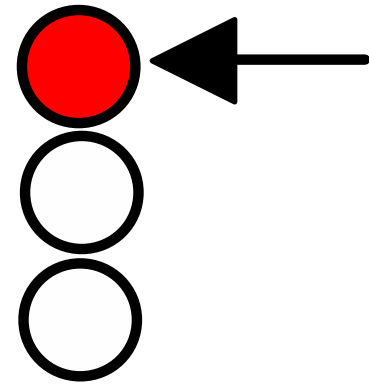
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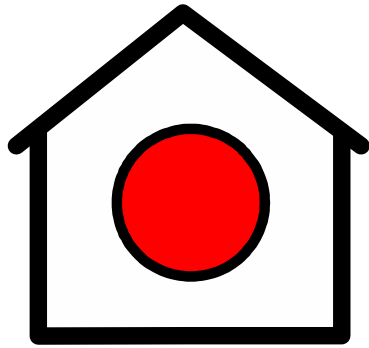
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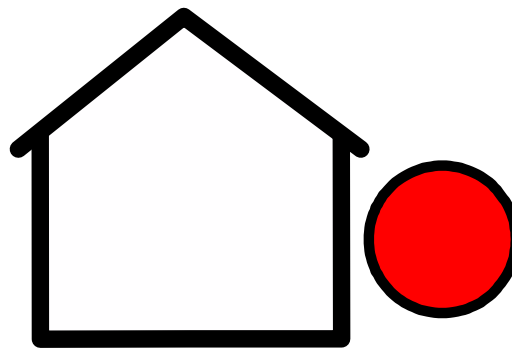
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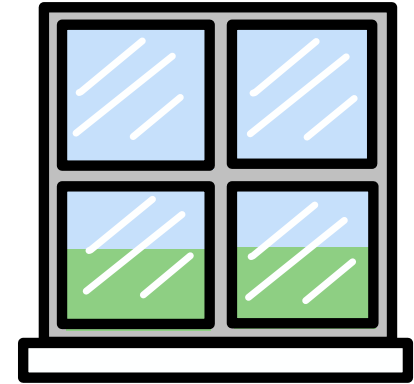
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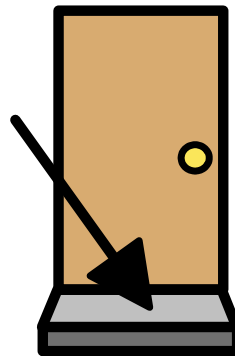
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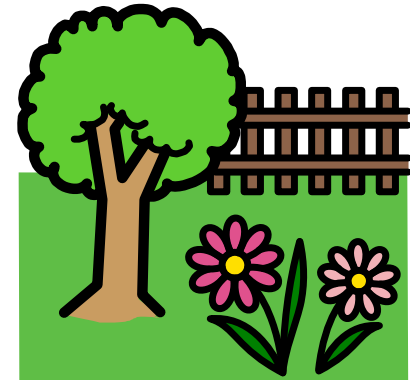
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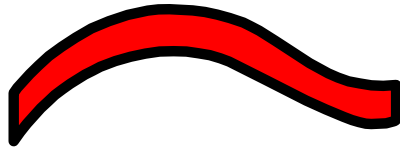
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doorstep



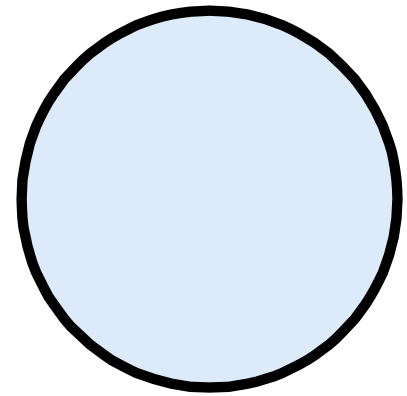
garden



curved



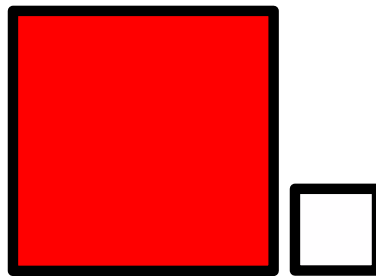
straight



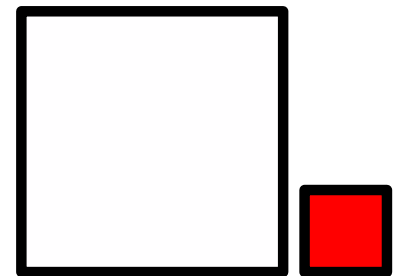
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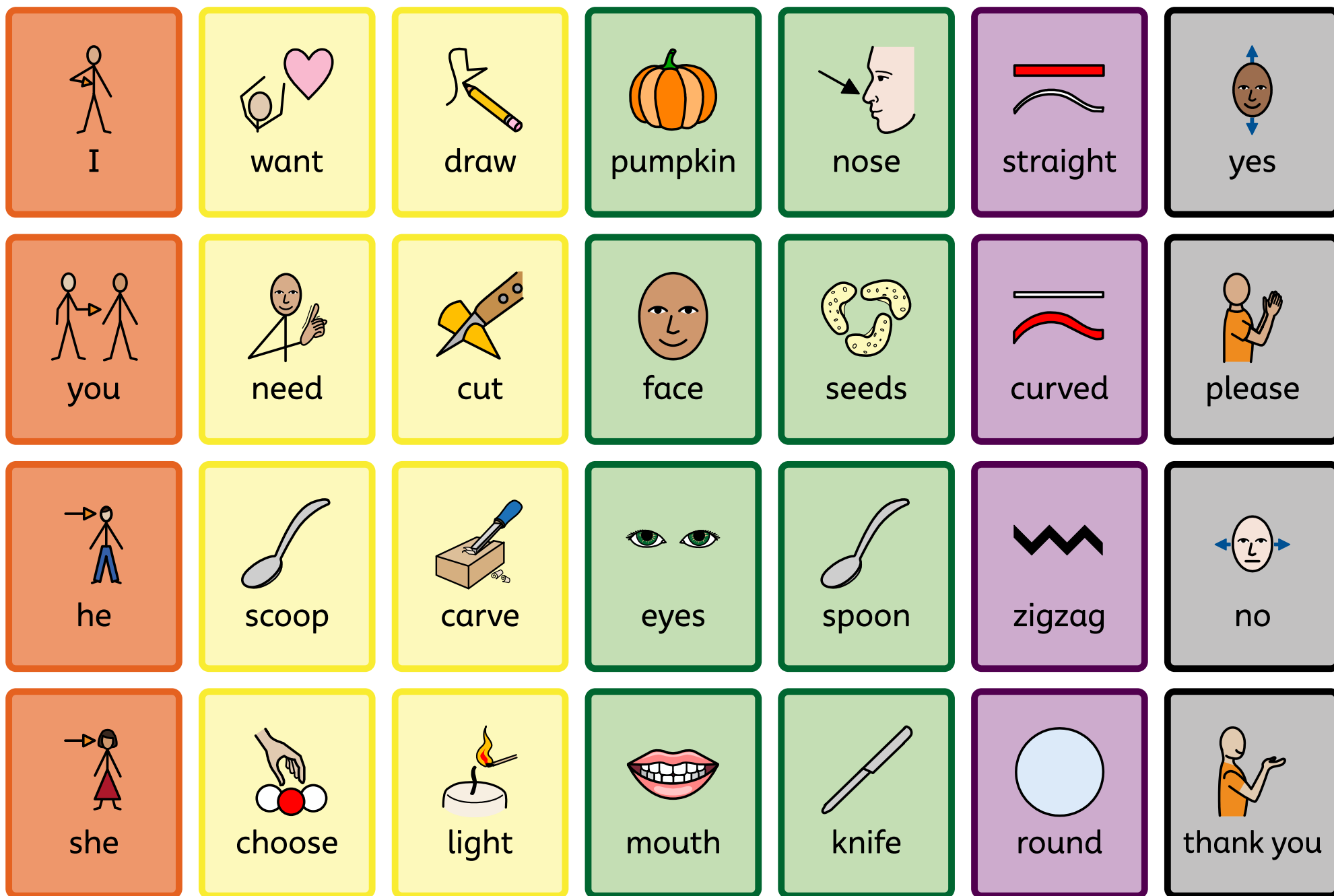
zigzag



big



small



1



Trick or Treat



Trick or Treat

2



please



please

3

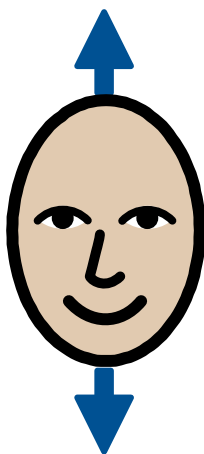


thank you



thank you

4

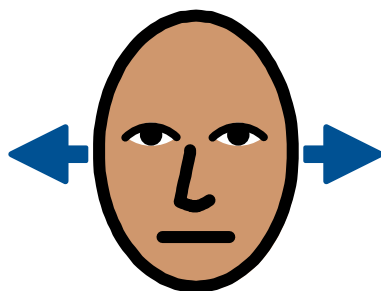


yes

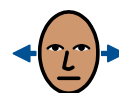


yes

5

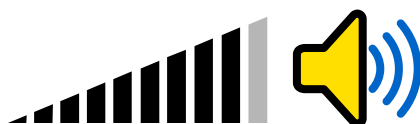


no



no

6

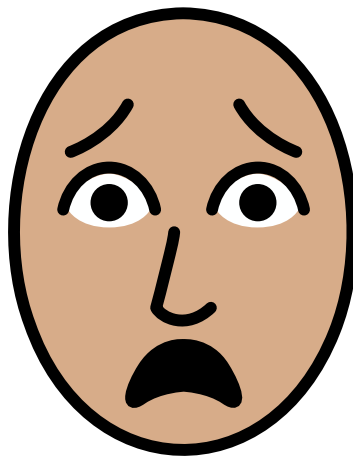


too noisy



too noisy

7



too scary



too scary

8

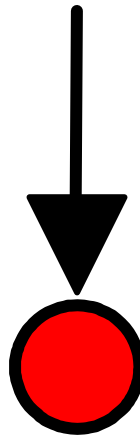


home



home

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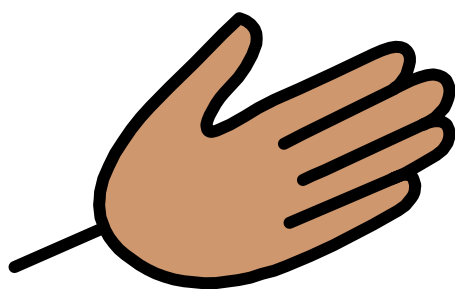


something else



something else

10



help



help

11



toilet



toilet

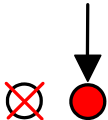
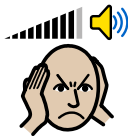
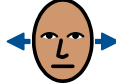


finished

12



finished

 finished	1  Trick or Treat	 Trick or Treat
 toilet		 please
 help		 thank you
 something else		 yes
 home  too scary  too noisy  no		



Cut me out

and



wrap



me



around

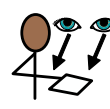


your



bucket

to



show

your



neighbours.



Trick or Treat



Cut me out

and



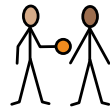
wrap



me



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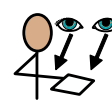


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Happy Halloween



Cut me out

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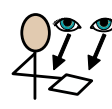


your



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to



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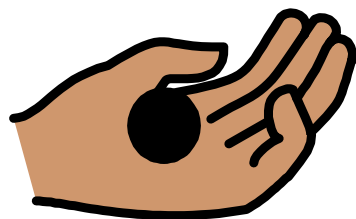
your



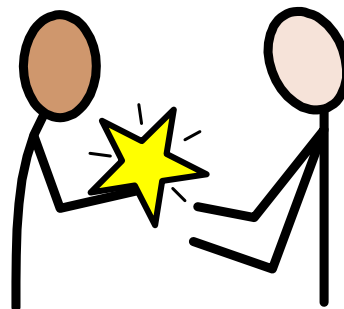
neighbours.



Can I



have



a treat



please?

Halloween Word Mat



bat



mummy



skeleton



cauldron



monster



vampire



mask



costumes



Halloween



haunted house



werewolf



ghost



spider



black cat



spell



witch



broomstick



zombie



pumpkin



witch's hat



trick or treat