

Bird song was the only sound that broke the silence as we walked through the autumn woods. Leaves spiralled to the forest floor, landing softly to create a colourful carpet to walk on. The day was perfect.

Suddenly, a flash of orange caught my eye. It was too large to be a leaf, so filled with curiosity we crept closer.

A wide-mouthed, carved pumpkin grinned up at us from the floor. Who could have placed it there, and why?

Looking up there were more in the trees, multiplying before our eyes. A twig snapped. The bird song stopped. Silence fell.

1. Who could the people walking through the woods be?
2. Which words and phrases show it is autumn?
3. Why might these pumpkins be in the woods?
4. Find examples of alliteration within the text. Can you create your own?
5. Why do you think that everything went quiet when the twig snapped?

Be a detective.



Why are pumpkins carved at Halloween?
Why are pumpkins known as Jack-o-lanterns?
Create a pumpkin design. What will it look like?
What was the Celtic celebration of Samhain? How is it linked to Halloween?
In Mexico they celebrate 'The day of the dead'. What is this?

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