

Who Stole the Sweets?

Name _____

Date _____

① Circle the right word

- 0 The vampire (was / were) wearing a long black cape.
- 1 The witch was (fly / flying) over the town.
- 2 The zombie (was / were) sleeping in the garden.
- 3 The ghost and the bat were (play / playing) cards.
- 4 The pumpkin was (sit / sitting) in the kitchen.
- 5 We (was / were) watching a film.

② Read the clues and solve the case

Someone stole the sweets! Cross off the suspects.

- 1 The vampire was sleeping in his coffin all night.
- 2 The witch and the zombie were dancing at the party.
- 3 The thief was wearing a white sheet.



It must have been the _____ !

③ Match the two halves

- | | |
|---------------------------------|---|
| 1 It can't have been the witch | a because he was sleeping in the garden. |
| 2 It can't have been the zombie | b because she was flying over the town. |
| 3 It must have been the vampire | c because he was in the library all night. |
| 4 It can't have been the ghost | d because the thief was wearing a black cape. |

Write the letters: 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___

④ Draw the sweet thief

Draw the thief with the sweets. Where was it? What was it doing?

☐ I can say what someone was doing (was flying, was sleeping).



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Who Stole the Broom?

Name _____

Date _____

① Write the verbs in the past continuous

- 0 The vampire was wearing (wear) a long black cape.
- 1 At nine, the witch _____ (fly) over the town.
- 2 The zombies _____ (dance) in the garden.
- 3 The ghost _____ (read) a book in the library.
- 4 The pumpkin _____ (sit) on the table.
- 5 We _____ (watch) a scary film.

② Solve the case

Someone stole the witch's broom! The suspects are the vampire, the zombie and the ghost.

- 1 The broom was standing in the garden until nine.
- 2 At nine, the vampire was reading in the library.
- 3 The ghost was cooking soup in the kitchen from eight until ten.

It must have been the _____ , in the _____ , at _____ .

It can't have been the vampire because _____

It can't have been the ghost because _____

③ Write one more clue for this case

Use the past continuous.

☐ I can use "must have been" and "can't have been" with a reason.



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Who Stole the Pumpkin Pie?

Name _____

Date _____

① One clue is a lie. Find it and solve the case.

Suspects: vampire, witch, zombie, ghost. Places: kitchen, library, garden. Times: 8, 9, 10 PM.

- 1 The pie was cooling on the kitchen window until nine.
- 2 At nine, the witch, the zombie and the ghost were playing football in the garden.
- 3 The vampire says: "I was sleeping in my coffin all night."
- 4 The thief was wearing a long black cape.

The lie is clue _____ .

It must have been the _____ , in the _____ , at _____ .

How do you know? Write two sentences.

② Write your own case for a partner

Who stole what? Write four clues in the past continuous. Make one clue a lie if you dare. Fold the answer back.

- A _____
- B _____
- C _____
- D _____

The answer (fold this back)

☐ I can work out what happened from clues and explain why.



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Answer key

For the teacher. Answers that will vary are marked.

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- 1 flying
 - 2 was
 - 3 playing
 - 4 sitting
 - 5 were
- 2 the ghost (the white sheet)
- 3 1 b, 2 a, 3 d, 4 c

Challenge

- 1 Clue 3 is the lie. The vampire, in the kitchen, at nine. The cape (D) points to the vampire, so his own story (clue 3) must be false. The witch, the zombie and the ghost were in the garden at nine.
- 2 Answers will vary. Check that each clue uses the past continuous and that the case has one answer.

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- 1 was flying
 - 2 were dancing
 - 3 was reading
 - 4 was sitting
 - 5 were watching
- 2 the zombie, in the garden, at nine. The vampire was reading in the library at nine; the ghost was cooking in the kitchen from eight until ten.
- 3 Answers will vary.

The clue cards

- Case 1:** The vampire, in the kitchen, at ten.
- Case 2:** The ghost, in the library, at nine.
- Case 3:** The zombie, in the garden, at eight. Clue C is the lie.