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Teacher's Page

1. Students' own answers. If some of them haven't celebrated/worn costumes for Halloween, try to get them to say what they *would* like to do and wear.

2. Let the students know that many people opt for creative costumes based on wordplay rather than scary ones.

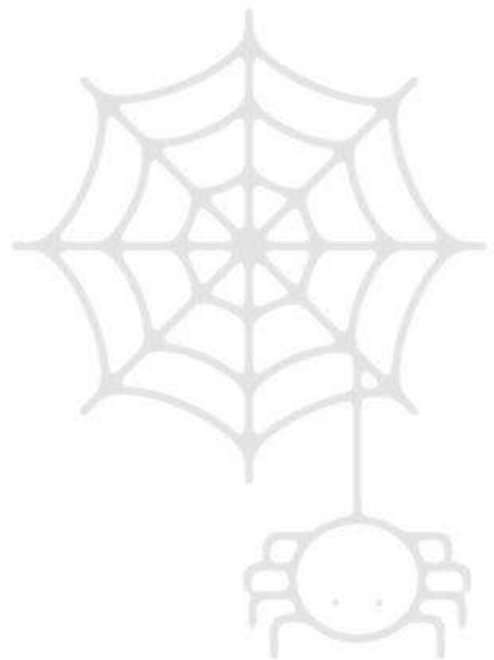
From left to right (top): universal healthcare, breadwinner, French "Kiss";

From left to right (bottom): Jon Snow White, nun Chucks, lactose intolerants.

3. Student's own answers.

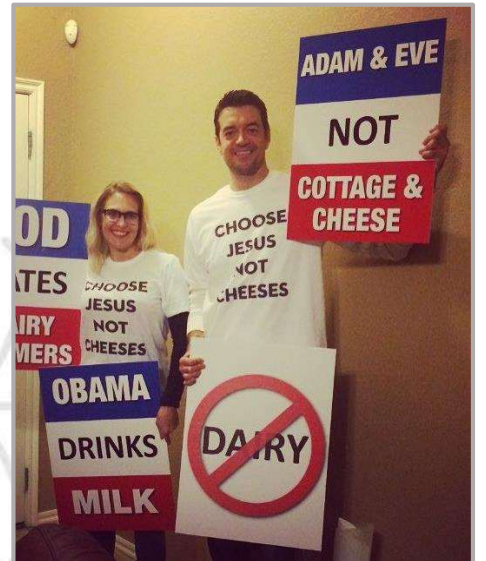
4. 1. coffin; 2. tombstone (epitaphs written on headstones often exaggerate the deceased person's accomplishments); 3. candy; 4. devil; 5. haunt; 6. ghost; 7. skull(s); 8. candle.

5, 6. Student's own answers.



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1. Have you ever celebrated Halloween? Did you enjoy it? What costume did you wear?
2. Look at the pictures of some of the most confusing Halloween costumes. Can you guess what these people were trying to be?



3. Discuss the questions below in teams
 1. Which costume from the previous task did you like most? Would you prefer wearing a funny costume or a scary one?
 2. Have you ever gone trick-or-treating? Would you be willing to give out free candy to kids who showed up at your doorstep?
 3. Do you like horror movies? Why or why not? If so, what's your favorite scary movie?
 4. Have you ever carved a jack-o-lantern? How difficult or easy was it to carve?
 5. Some people decorate their house to celebrate Halloween. Do you decorate your home to get into the festive spirit?

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4. Use the words in the box to fill in the gaps in the statements below.

candy	coffin	skull	ghost	tombstone	devil	candle	haunt
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1. I'm quite forgiving, but talking about me behind my back is just like putting the last nail in the _____.
2. If I really wanted to get a job, I'd be okay with lying like a _____ on my resume.
3. Making me angry is like taking _____ from a baby. I lose my temper very quickly.
4. I have what others may call a _____-may-care attitude to life. Stressing over things that aren't in your control just seems silly to me.
5. I'm pretty sure some of the lifestyle choices I'm making now are going to come back to _____ me some day.
6. I won't buy a new piece of technology until the one I'm using gives up the _____.
7. The fact that some people still can't get it into their _____ that washing your hands regularly is important is baffling to me.
8. Modern movies can't hold a _____ to the masterpieces of the past. Having a big piece of green cloth and a lot of money doesn't mean you can make a decent film.

5. Work in teams. To what extent do the statements above apply to you?

6. Discuss the questions below. Make sure to give reasons for your answer, even if the situation is completely hypothetical. Would you rather...

1. ...walk through a graveyard at night or spend a night in a haunted mansion?
2. ...be a ghost or a zombie?
3. ...dress up as a hero or as a villain?
4. ...act in a horror movie or write one?
5. ...have an owl or a bat as a pet?
6. ...have a magic wand that you can use once a year or a flying broomstick you can use whenever you'd like?