

# Haunted House

**Conversation > Intermediate 6** 



## Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

carefully	With a lot of attention.
[adverb]	Ex: You need to read this essay carefully and correct it.

carve	To make an object by cutting the pieces of material it is made of.
[verb]	Ex: The images of four presidents are carved into this mountain.

wicked	Extremely bad, evil.
[adjective]	Ex: They say he was a <b>wicked</b> man who never helped anyone.

thrill	A sudden strong feeling of excitement.
[noun]	Ex: Going on a rollercoaster was a big thrill for everyone.



seek	To look for.
[verb]	Ex: They are seeking an answer to their problem.

thrill-seeker	A person who enjoys taking part in exciting activities.
	Ex: He is a thrill-seeker; he always does something crazy like bungee jumping or cliff diving.

supernatural	Something that cannot be explained by science or nature.
[adjective]	Ex: Some people believe in supernatural things and creatures like vampires and ghosts.

consider	To think about something carefully, especially before making a decision.
[verb]	Ex: She's considering wearing a white shirt for her interview.



### Exercise 2 – Dialogue

Choose one character and read the dialogue aloud with your tutor.

Peter: Nicole, are you ready for Halloween?

Nicole: Almost. My friend and I have been carefully preparing for it.

Peter: Oh, really? What are you guys up to?

Nicole: We are planning to throw a small, haunted-house themed party at her home.

Peter: You must be putting a lot of work into it.

Nicole: We sure are. And we're not done yet.



Peter: What else do you need to do?

Nicole: We still need to carve jack-o-lanterns and decorate the house with skulls, bats, and wicked witches.

Peter: Sounds scary! I'm not into the supernatural.

Nicole: It's not that frightening! Why don't you come to the party?

Peter: Thanks for the invite, but I'm not much of a thrill-seeker, considering I'm such a scaredy-cat.

Nicole: Okay. Let me know if you change your mind.



#### Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

Choose the correct answers from the answer pool below and fill in the blanks.

#### Answer Pool

carved

wicked

consider

seeking

thrill

thrill-seeker

supernatural

carefully

- 1. Ghosts and evil spirits are \_\_\_\_\_.
- 2. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ thing to do. He's so evil!
- 3. I'm currently \_\_\_\_\_ a better job.
- 4. She's a \_\_\_\_\_. She's always looking for excitement.
- 5. He \_\_\_\_\_ her name on a tree.
- 6. He felt a \_\_\_\_\_ of excitement as he jumped from the plane.
- 7. We'll \_\_\_\_\_ all the points you've raised today and get back to you.
- 8. He's focusing \_\_\_\_\_ on his work.



## Exercise 4 – Role Play

Take turns with your tutor and act out the scene described below.

**Scene:** Invite your friend Bob to the Halloween party you have planned. The teacher can be Bob.



#### Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

- 1. What do you think about ghosts and haunted houses? Do you think they are real?
- 2. Are ghost stories popular in your country? Do you know any?
- 3. Would you dare enter a haunted house? Please share your opinion.
- 4. Are you a thrill-seeker? What type of thrilling activities do you prefer?
- 5. How would you like to spend Halloween? Why?