



Trick or Treat

Conversation > Intermediate 5



Exercise 1 – Vocabulary

scare	To make someone feel afraid or frightened.
[verb]	<i>Ex: The sudden flash of lightning scared me.</i>

trick	To make someone believe something which is not true, in order to get something from them or as a joke.
[verb]	<i>Ex: He tricked my wife and stole her purse.</i>

treat	To do or buy something for someone.
[verb]	<i>Ex: She treated me to tea and cookies.</i>

wrap	To cover something completely in paper or some other material.
[verb]	<i>Ex: The store did a beautiful job of wrapping the gift.</i>

penny	A small coin.
[noun]	<i>Ex: Mommy, give me some pennies to buy candy.</i>



Exercise 2 – Dialogue

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

John: Is anyone home?

Mr. Smith: Oh, you scared me, what do you want?

John: Trick or treat!

Mr. Smith: Oh come on, I don't have any candies for you.

John: You can give me some pennies then.

Mr. Smith: Unfortunately, I don't have any pennies either, little boy.



John: If you don't treat me, I'll trick you.

Mr. Smith: Wow, I'm so scared. But how would you trick me?

John: I'll wrap your tree with toilet paper, like a tree full of snow.

Mr. Smith: Oh, that's terrible, little boy. Okay, okay, I will give you some candies, child.

John: Thank you, sir.

Mr. Smith: I must say, it's not very pleasant to have a tree wrapped with toilet paper.



Exercise 3 – Fill in the Blanks

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

Answer Pool

penny
trick
scared
wrapped
treat

1. The director _____ everyone when she suddenly called up a meeting.
2. Can I have a _____, sir?
3. If you don't treat me, I will _____ you!
4. They _____ the baby in a soft blanket.
5. I'll _____ you to dinner tonight.



Exercise 4 – Role Play

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

Scene: You are a kid, and you go to your neighbor's house to “trick or treat.” The teacher can be the neighbor.



Exercise 5 – Discussion

Discuss the following questions with your tutor.

1. Do you have a custom of going “trick-or-treating” in your country?
2. Would you have the courage to ask your neighbor “trick or treat?” Why? Why not?
3. If a child came to you on Halloween night, would you choose trick or treat? Why?
4. What kind of tricks could you use on Halloween night, if you were a child?
5. Do you think going “trick-or-treating” is a good tradition? Why or why not?