

Halloween – Glossary

ancestor noun [countable]

someone who is related to you who lived a long time ago

at the same time phrase

used for introducing another fact or opinion that needs to be considered as well as the one that has just been stated

bat noun [countable]

a small animal that flies at night and looks like a mouse with large wings

beg verb [intransitive/transitive]

to ask people for money or food, usually because you are very poor

Celt noun [countable]

a member of an ancient group of people who lived in parts of western Europe

costume noun [countable/uncountable]

clothes that performers wear in a play, film etc

door to door phrase

going to all the houses in an area, for example trying to sell things or asking for information or votes

dress noun [uncountable]

the clothes that are typical of a particular place, time in history or occasion

They performed the play in Victorian dress.

evil adjective

an evil person does very bad or cruel things

free verb [transitive]

to help someone to get out of a place

frightening adjective

making you feel afraid

go back phrasal verb [intransitive/transitive]

to have existed since or for a particular time

harvest noun [countable]

the activity of collecting a crop

insect noun [countable]

a small animal that has six legs and often has wings. There are many different types of insects, such as bees, flies and beetles.

lantern noun [countable]

a light inside a transparent container with a handle for carrying it

magic noun [uncountable]

the mysterious power that some people believe can make impossible things happen if you do special actions or say special words called *spells*

monster noun [countable]

an imaginary creature that is large and frightening

offering noun [countable]

something that people give as a present to honour someone or something

or else phrase

used for stating the second of two possibilities

pray verb [intransitive/transitive]

to speak to God or a saint, for example to give thanks or ask for help

pumpkin noun [countable/uncountable]

a large round vegetable with a thick orange skin and large seeds

saint noun [countable]

someone who the Christian church officially honours after their death because they have lived an especially holy life. *Saint* is often written as *St* before a person's name.

scare away/off phrasal verb [transitive]

to make someone feel so frightened or worried that they do not do something that they had planned to do

seasonal adjective

used about fruit and vegetables that are available now, at this time of year

sweet noun [countable]

a small piece of sweet food made with sugar

trick noun [countable]

something that you do in order to annoy someone or to make people laugh at them, often by making them believe something that is not true

witch noun [countable]

a woman in stories who has magic powers. A man with magic powers is usually called a *wizard*.