

Halloween patterns

Educator guide | Flexible starting ages: 3 to 5 years

Explore a repeating pattern with pumpkins and friendly ghosts.

Two pictures take turns in the same order. Then make a pattern of your own.

AT A GLANCE

About 5 to 10 minutes per activity, with pauses as needed.

Materials: Printed pages; a pencil, crayons or washable markers.

Learning goals: Notice an AB repeat, predict what comes next and create a repeat using two pictures, shapes or marks.

INVITE, EXPLORE, CREATE

- 01** Point along one row from left to right. Name the pictures together.
- 02** Say the repeating pair: "pumpkin, ghost; pumpkin, ghost."
- 03** Ask what comes next. Point to, circle or mark one of the two choices.
- 04** On page 3, choose two pictures or marks. Draw one in each top box.
Repeat them in the same order across a row. An adult can draw.

MAKE IT WORK FOR YOUR LEARNERS

Easier: Cover the other rows. Model the pair, then say it together.

Pause before the missing picture and offer the two picture choices.

More challenge: Continue the same pattern beyond the printed row, or make a new AB pattern with two different marks on page 3.

Accept looking, pointing, words, gestures or adult-recorded choices.

Pause or skip any step. Drawing and independent reading are not required.

ADULT KEY FOR PAGE 2

Row 1: pumpkin (right choice). Row 2: ghost (left choice).

Row 3: ghost (right choice). Read every row from left to right.

PRINT & USE

Print at 100% / actual size on US Letter paper. Black-and-white works well.

A grown-up can read the directions. These are playful invitations, not a test.

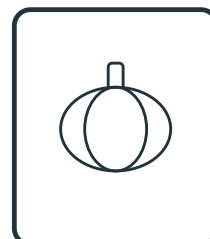
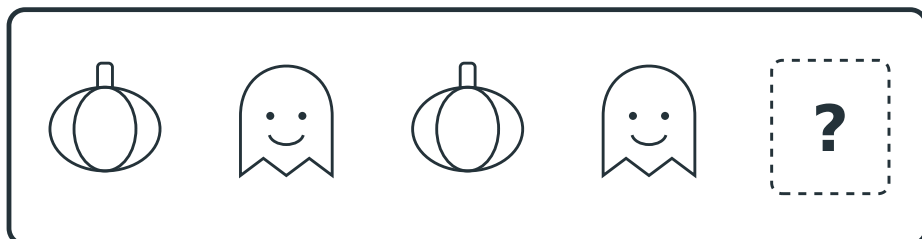
What comes next

Look from left to right. Choose the picture that comes next.

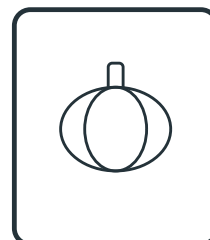
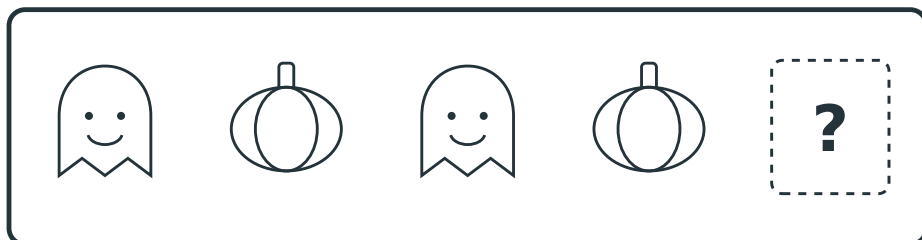
PATTERN

CHOOSE ONE

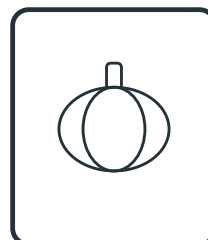
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Point, circle or mark your choice. A grown-up can help.

Try one row or all three. Say the pattern together if you like.

Your Halloween patterns

Choose two pictures or marks. Repeat them in the same order.

MY TWO PICTURES OR MARKS

FIRST

NEXT

MY REPEATING PATTERN

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Draw, make marks or tell a grown-up what to add.

Try one row or both. Point along your pattern together.

Need an idea? Try a pumpkin, then a friendly ghost, and repeat.