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Build a Fabulous Vocab

Halloween

Name _____

Date _____

“At first cock-crow the ghosts must go
Back to their quiet graves below.”

—*Theodosia Garrison, American poet, 1874–1944*

A traditional Scottish prayer: “From ghoulies and ghosties and long-leggedy beasties and things that go bump in the night, good Lord, deliver us!” Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Do use your dictionary.

Word Bank	conquistadors	hallowed	kobold	lycanthropy	miasma
	masquerade	pastoral	pentagram	quintessential	specter

1. Halloween traditions have roots in an ancient festival of the dead observed by _____ Celtic people before the harvest.
2. A _____ is a rascally household spirit in German folklore, similar to a goblin.
3. The _____ hovered in the spooky darkness of the hallway, scaring Ragib out of his wits.
4. In contemporary Wicca, witches wear a _____, a five-pointed star of silver, copper, or pewter, to gain the protection of the four elements and Spirit, or fifth element.
5. The _____ symbols of Halloween are images of death, evil and bad luck, and harvest.
6. Places where the bodies of the dead are located have symbolic meaning and are often said to be “_____ ground.”
7. In ancient times, people all over the world believed in _____ and told tales of humans changing to animals, such as werewolves, through witchcraft or magic.
8. When Spanish _____ invaded present-day Mexico, they observed native people practicing a 3,000-year-old ritual known today as *Día de los Muertos*, or Day of the Dead.
9. A ghostly _____ seemed to hang in the shed where the kids were playing with a Ouija board.
10. Trick-or-treaters _____ themselves as everything from bats to vampires.