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The Pumpkin Parade

BOO! It's Halloween time in Maplewood Town, and something wacky is happening at Farmer Fred's pumpkin patch! Every year, when the moon glows bright, the pumpkins wake up, wiggle their stems, and tell goofy jokes like, "Why did the pumpkin blush? It saw the corn in its PJs!" But this Halloween, the pumpkins, led by a chubby, bouncy pumpkin named Puddles, are up to some serious silliness.

One spooky evening, Mia, Leo, and Aisha were carving jack-o'-lanterns, making faces with big toothy grins. Suddenly, they heard giggles—hee-hee-hee!—from the pumpkin patch. "Who's laughing?" Mia whispered. Before they could blink, Puddles and his pumpkin pals rolled out of the patch, leaving a trail of sparkly, gooey slime. "To town we go!" Puddles hollered, bouncing like a beach ball.

The kids ran after them and—oh boy!—the pumpkins were causing a ruckus in Maplewood! One sneaky pumpkin swapped all the candy bars in trick-or-treat bags with carrots. Crunch, crunch, yuck! Another pumpkin knocked on doors, then rolled away, giggling like crazy. The silliest prank? Puddles stuck a note on the mayor's door that said, "Eat your spinach, pal!" The whole town was scratching their heads, and the big Halloween parade was about to be canceled. Oh no!

Mia skidded to a stop in front of Puddles. "Why are you being such pranksters?" she asked, ducking as a pumpkin zoomed by. Puddles wobbled and sighed. "Farmer Fred forgot to water us! We're dry, bored, and just want some Halloween fun!"

Leo snapped his fingers. "How about you join the parade? You can roll, glow, and be superstars!" The pumpkins bounced with excitement—boing, boing! Aisha raced to tell Farmer Fred, who promised to water the patch every day. The pumpkins agreed to stop their pranks and rolled back home, leaving only a few sparkly footprints.

On Halloween night, the parade was AWESOME! Puddles and his pumpkin buddies glowed like orange fireflies, rolling in funny zigzags while everyone cheered. Mia, Leo, and Aisha high-fived, happy they saved Halloween and made some pumpkin pals. And Puddles? He whispered a new joke: "Why do pumpkins love parades? They get to roll with it!"



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Circle the best answer for each question. Have fun!

What's the big problem in the story?

- a) The pumpkins are too quiet and shy.
- b) The pumpkins are pranking the town and might ruin the parade.
- c) Farmer Fred lost all his pumpkins.
- d) The kids don't have any candy.

Why did the pumpkins start pranking everyone?

- a) They wanted to eat all the Halloween candy.
- b) They were bored because Farmer Fred didn't water them.
- c) They didn't like the mayor.
- d) They wanted to scare the kids.

What happened right after the kids heard giggles from the patch?

- a) The pumpkins rolled back to the patch.
- b) Puddles shouted, "To town we go!"
- c) The mayor found a note on his door.
- d) The kids carved more pumpkins.

How do you think the town's people felt when they found carrots instead of candy?

- a) Super happy and excited
- b) Confused and a little grumpy
- c) Really scared and nervous
- d) Proud of the pumpkins

Why did Leo suggest the pumpkins join the parade?

- a) He wanted to be in charge of the parade.
- b) He thought it would stop the pranks and make the pumpkins happy.
- c) He wanted to eat more carrots.
- d) He was tired of running after pumpkins.

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1-What tricks do the pumpkins play in Maplewood Town?

2-Why are the pumpkins feeling bored and causing trouble?

3-What do Mia, Leo, and Aisha hear right before the pumpkins roll to town?

4-How do you think the townspeople feel when they find carrots in their trick-or-treat bags?

5-Why does Leo want the pumpkins to join the Halloween parade?
