

# English

NEWSLETTER

## SeeYouSpeak® English



Welcome new members!

メンバーの皆さん

SeeYouSpeak® Englishニュースレター第2号をお届けすることができて大変嬉しく思います。このニュースレターには、英語学習におけるヒントやアドバイス、ニュースやキャンペーン情報等が盛り込まれています。“easy,” “advanced,” “difficult”の各レベルをチェックしてみてください。まだメンバーではない方は、[seeyouspeak.com](http://seeyouspeak.com)で登録（無料）をすればこのニュースレターが毎月届けられます。さらに、24時間アクセス可能なSeeYouSpeak® Members Pagesで、INTERCHANGE、ボイス・オブ・アメリカ(VOA)、Tips and quizzes等の教材を活用して頂くこともできます。アメリカの学校でも新学期が始まっています。今すぐ無料体験レッスンを予約しましょう。皆さんの英語力の向上を願っています。

Sincerely, Ken Estep



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SeeYouSpeak®はKen Estepが日本人の為に開発した革新的なマンツーマンの英会話メソッドです。自宅でくつろぎながら、専属のアメリカ人の先生と楽しく英語能力向上させましょう。



I took this photo in Tsurumai park last autumn. 2007

Level: **easy**

オータム

**Autumn:**  
noun

The third season of the year, when crops and fruits are gathered and leaves fall.

## Autumn Vocabulary

Yellow  
Bird  
Moon  
Scarecrow  
Trees  
Red  
Pile  
Brown  
Leaves  
Wind  
Pumpkin  
Fall  
Corn  
Rake  
Orange  
Acorn  
Cold  
Squirrel  
Apple  
Harvest



Past	Present	Future
yesterday	today	tomorrow
last week	this week	next week
an hour ago	now	in an hour
recently	as we speak	soon
a long time ago	these days	way off in the future
last autumn	this autumn	next autumn
this morning	now (afternoon)	tonight
many years ago	this year (now)	many years from now
last halloween	this halloween	next halloween

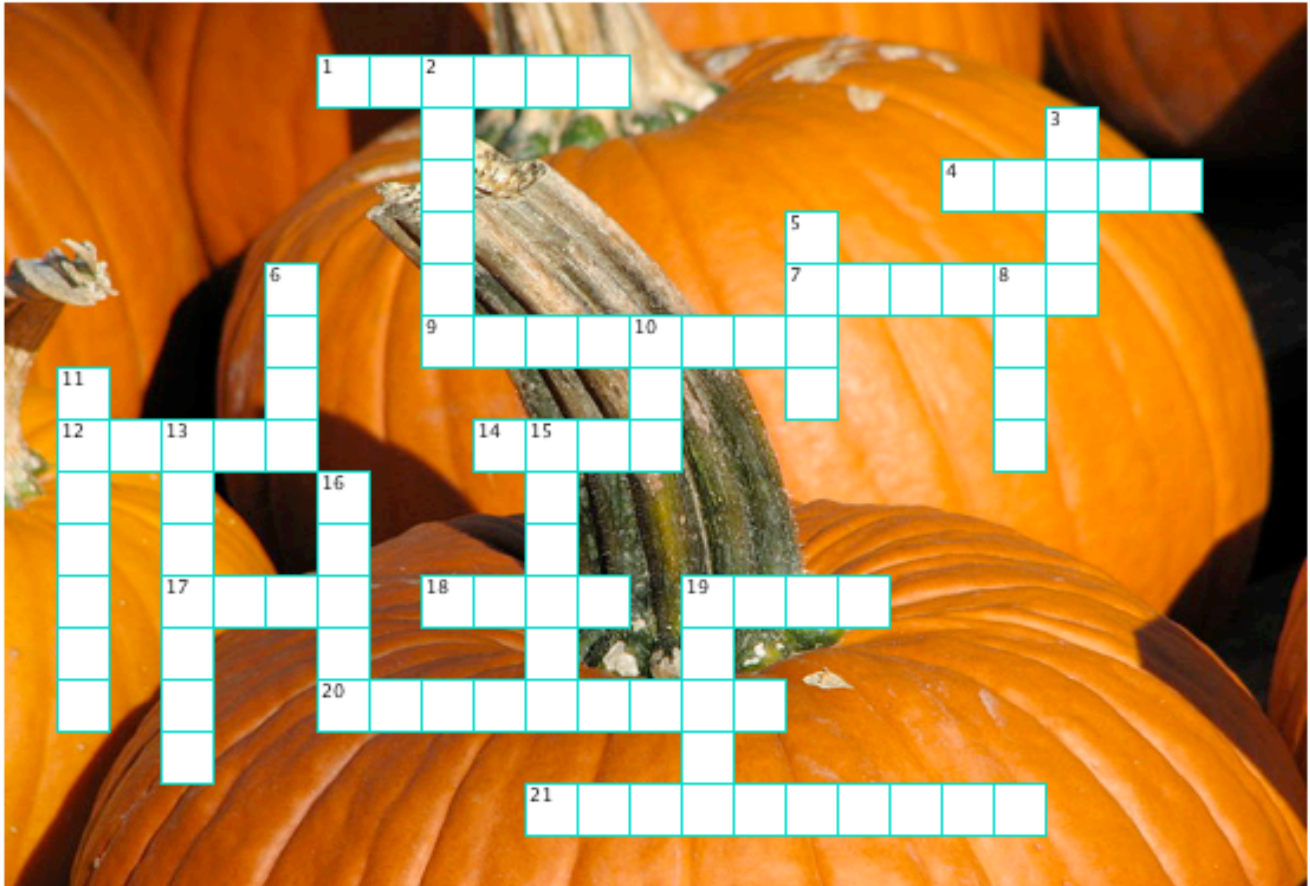
Refer-A-Friend,  
get a FREE lesson!

SeeYouSpeak® をお友達にも紹介して下さい。そして無料体験レッスンを受けましょう。

\* 詳細はken先生まで

# SeeYouSpeak® Crossword

Find the answers inside this newsletter.



cold scarecrow brown cornucopia red wind squirrel fall trees autumn pile corn acorn  
yellow leaves moon pumpkin bird apple Harvest rake orange

## Across

1. A leaf and Rubber Ducky color
4. An oak nut
7. Fall
9. Gathers nuts for winter
12. Candy or pie
14. Opposite of hot
17. A stack of leaves
18. Breeze or hurricane
19. Flies south
20. protects the harves
21. Horn of plenty

## Down

2. These change color
3. Has kernels on large ears
5. What the leaves do at this time of year
6. For piling leaves
8. Harvest
10. Some leaves and fire trucks are this color
11. A time to collect the food
13. Something to carve
15. A fruit or a leaf color
16. Deciduous . . . .
19. Green leaves turn into ..... dirt

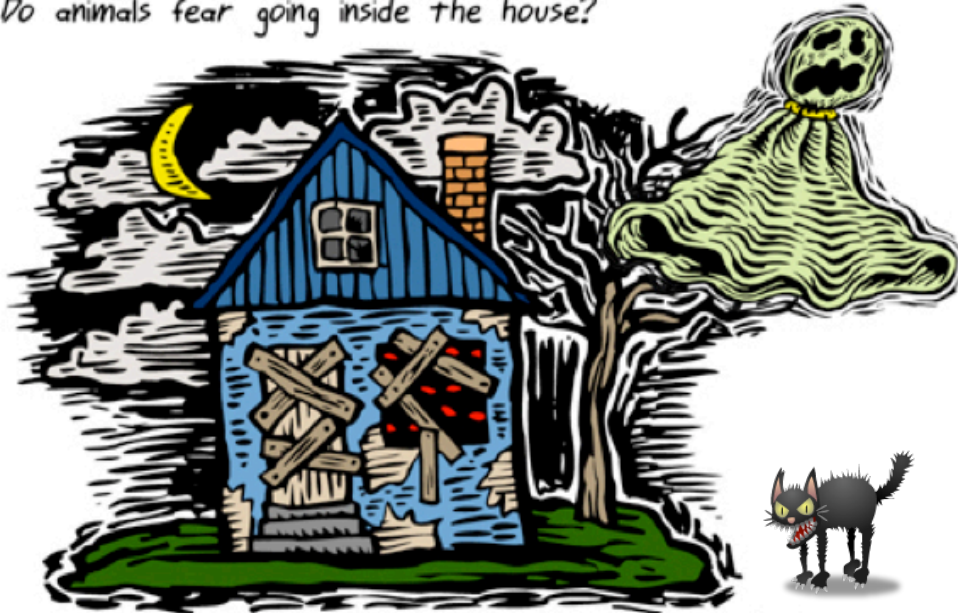


# THE HAUNTED HOUSE

When buying a house, it is important to find out if the house is haunted or not. These are the signs that the house you want to purchase may be haunted by one or more ghosts or evil spirits.

## Buyer Beware!

- \* Do the doors slam shut when no one is around?
- \* Do the doors creak open when no one is around?
- \* Can you hear the sound of footsteps in the hall when everyone is asleep?
- \* Is the weather rainy, windy, and stormy with excessive lightning and thunder 365 days a year, especially at night?
- \* Is there a history of murder or violent crime in the house?
- \* Have the previous owners gone insane?
- \* Do you feel like you are being watched?
- \* Is the house infested with bats, spiders, and mice?
- \* Does the piano start playing on its own?
- \* Do the lights turn on or off when nobody is in the house?
- \* Are there blood stains on the carpets, walls, or ceiling?
- \* Do animals fear going inside the house?



This public service announcement is brought to you by the Association for the Prevention of Real Estate Scams Involving Ghosts, Evil Spirits and the Undead.

## Buyer Beware Reading Comprehension

A) Read the public service announcement on buying houses that may be haunted. Then look up any words you don't know in your dictionary. Write those words here.

B) Choose the expression that best matches the underlined phrase:

(1) The doors slam shut.

(a) break	(b) close quickly	(c) knock	(d) open slowly
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(2) There was excessive noise.

(a) scary	(b) very little	(c) too much	(d) pleasant
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(3) He went insane.

(a) jolly	(b) angry	(c) happy	(d) crazy
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(4) The house is infested with termites.

(a) filled with	(b) clean of	(c) out of	(d) protected against
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C) Answer the following questions.

(1) Have you ever seen a ghost?

(2) Do the doors of your house ever slam shut?

(3) Do you believe in ghosts?

(4) Have you ever heard strange noises in your house?

(5) Are there any haunted houses near your neighborhood?

D) Creative writing: If you were going to buy a house and you thought it might be haunted, how would you find out for sure?



Level: advanced

# THE CARVING OF OLD JACK



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## THINGS YOU WILL NEED:

1 PUMPKIN ( ANY SIZE YOU CHOOSE )  
1 KNIFE OR PUMPKIN CARVER  
NEWSPAPER ( 3 SHEETS )  
MARKERS  
CANDLE  
MATCHES  
LARGE SPOON  
1 OR MORE PARENTS FOR HELPING WITH KNIFE AND  
MATCHES

Carving a jack-o-lantern is a tradition or custom in many American families. Families will go to area stores that sell pumpkins and spend hours just looking for the right one. When the right pumpkin has been chosen, take it home and wash the outside of the pumpkin and dry it completely. An adult will be needed to carefully cut open the top of the pumpkin where the stem is located. Save the stem of the pumpkin.

Next, you will need to remove the pulp or stringy part of the pumpkin and the seeds using a large spoon. Place all of the insides of the pumpkin on the sheets of newspaper to keep your area clean. After all the seeds and pulp have been removed, you may want to wash the outside of the pumpkin again to make sure you have a clean surface to work on. Markers can be used to draw the face you want on the outside of the pumpkin. You can make it as scary or as funny as you like. You will need the help of a parent or other adult to help cut out the face you drew on the pumpkin. This may take a few minutes to do because pumpkins can be very thick and their skin can be slick. You must practice safety rules when using a knife or pumpkin carving knife. Then, place a candle inside the pumpkin and light the candle using matches. At this time, place the top with stem back on the pumpkin. Finally, place the jack-o-lantern on your front porch and wait for the trick or treaters. Have a safe and Happy Halloween!

ANSWER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING :

1. The word custom means \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. something shiny
  - b. something outside
  - c. the usual thing done by someone
  - d. a time for playing
  
2. What should you do when using a knife or pumpkin carving knife?
  - a. use it quickly
  - b. have a parent to help
  - c. practice safety rules
  - d. both b and c
  
3. Why are newspapers needed to do this activity?
  - a. to keep the area clean
  - b. to write on
  - c. to light the candle with
  - d. none of these
  
4. Which of the following is NOT true?
  - a. Pumpkin skins can be thick and slick.
  - b. It takes time to find just the right pumpkin for this activity.
  - c. This is an activity you can do without an adult.
  - d. Making a jack-o-lantern is a custom in many American families.
  
5. Which of the following IS true?
  - a. Pumpkins are used to decorate homes at Easter.
  - b. Markers can be used to make funny or scary faces for carving.
  - c. You can leave the pulp and seeds inside the pumpkin before carving.
  - d. None of these
  
6. Jack-o-lanterns are used \_\_\_\_\_ at Halloween.
  - a. as matches
  - b. for decorations
  - c. as candles
  - d. to give to trick or treaters
  
7. Which of the following should you do LAST in this activity?
  - a. wash the pumpkin
  - b. cut the top off
  - c. place it on your porch
  - d. draw on the face
  
8. Which of the following should you do FIRST in this activity?
  - a. wash and dry the pumpkin
  - b. choose the pumpkin you want
  - c. draw on the face
  - d. clean out the pulp and seeds

HAPPY HALLOWEEN EVERYONE !





Level: **difficult**

### Ghostly Kids Push You Off Train Tracks

**Urban Legend:** The protective ghosts of little children killed at a railway crossing push stalled cars off the tracks.



#### The Story:

This one is actually true. It's been talked about on many TV stations including an Los Angeles, California station by "The Earth Man" Garcia. It has to do with a school bus full of children that had stalled on some train tracks in San Antonio, Texas. A train was coming and was going too fast to stop in time to get the bus off the tracks. The bus was hit and all of the children died. It was a great tragedy. The tracks are located on a curve in the road but the tracks are on a small up-hill grade to both sides.

If you stop your car just on the tracks and put it in neutral, it will slowly start to roll over the little hill and down the other side.

A local Los Angeles, California station sent a crew there to check it out and it was done on tape, with a San Antonio sheriff present. The cars back end was cleaned off of any finger prints before the test was done and after it was done it was dusted for prints. Several small hand prints and finger prints showed up on the bumper, showing that the small hands of the ghost children were pushing the car to get it off the tracks.

There are also claims that this is nothing more than a gravity anomaly allowing a non-moving vehicle to move over a small up-grade. But no one can explain away the hand and finger prints.

This is one legend that may possibly be true.



さらに、自宅に  
いながらマン  
ツーマンのプライ  
ベートレッスンを受ける  
ことも出来ます。経験豊  
富なネイティブの先生  
が、あなたが自身を持っ  
て英語を話せるようお手  
伝いします。あなたに  
ぴったりのレッスンプラ  
ンで英語を勉強してみま  
せんか。



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について悩む必要はありません。今回  
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毎日24時間レッスンを提供すること  
になりました。さあ、今すぐレッスンを  
予約しましょう!

