

# Grammar

## FOR HALLOWEEN

THREE FUN FACTS ABOUT HALLOWEEN HELP YOU LEARN THE TRICK TO USING **AMONG** AND **BETWEEN**.

**DIRECTIONS:** Read the green boxes below. Circle the correct word in each **among/between** pair.

### HINT

#### AMONG vs BETWEEN

Use *between* when talking about two items. (Please choose *between* chocolate and vanilla.) Also use *between* when you are talking about distinct, individual items, even if there are more than two of them. (I can't decide *between* strawberry, mint, and banana.) Use *among* when talking about a group. (It was hard to choose *among* all the delicious flavors.)

You have a choice **between** a trick or a treat. What'll it be?



Why do people dress up for Halloween? Thousands of years ago, Celtic warriors believed that on October 31, the boundary **among/between** the living and the dead disappeared. The Celts put on costumes made of animal skins and heads, hoping to chase away evil spirits that happened to be walking **among/between** the living. Today we just hope for candy!

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Hanging out **among** the living really tickles my funny bone!



The Mexican holiday Día de los Muertos (the Day of the Dead) honors those who have died. People decorate their homes with papier-mâché skeletons, skulls made of sugar, and candles. They gather at cemeteries to be **among/between** their departed loved ones. **Among/Between** the festive music and the delicious food, the Day of the Dead is a happy and colorful celebration of life.

Centuries ago in Ireland, people carved scary faces into turnips, put burning coal inside, and placed the glowing veggies **among/between** two window frames to frighten away wandering spirits. A similar tradition continues today in the U.S., where pumpkin carving remains **among/between** the most popular Halloween activities.

**Between** you and me, a turnip-o'-lantern sounds kinda lame.

