



READERS BECOME BETTER LEARNERS

When children become good readers in the early grades, they are more likely to become better learners throughout their school years and beyond.

Becoming a reader involves the development of important skills, including learning to:

- **use** language in conversation
- **listen** and respond to stories read aloud
- **recognize** and name the letters of the alphabet
- **listen** to the sounds of spoken language
- **connect** sounds to letters to figure out the code of reading
- **read** often so that recognizing words becomes easy and automatic
- **learn** and **use** new words
- **understand** what is read

Preschool and kindergarten teachers set the stage for your child to learn to read with some critical early skills.

As a parent, you can help by understanding what teachers are teaching and by asking questions about your child's progress and the classroom reading program.

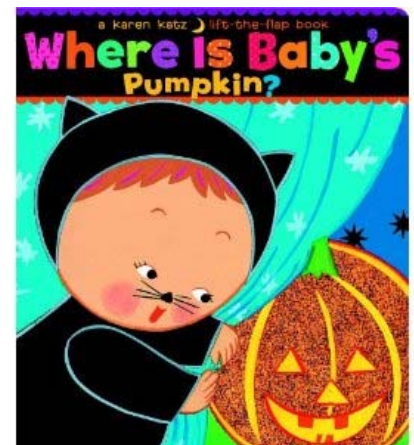
ONCE UPON A TIME..

Where Is Baby's Pumpkin? [Board book] by
Karen Katz

An adorable baby searches throughout the house for her pumpkin.

Is the pumpkin under the leaves, behind the curtain, under the bed? NO! But Baby finds many other surprises as a ghost, a witch's hat, cute-as-a-button bats, and candy apples are found beneath each flap. Finally after

Baby finds her pumpkin, she's ready to go trick-or-treating and the final flap reveals a Halloween extravaganza!



How many words can you make from
Happy Halloween!



Color the picture.

How many words can you find?

H A L L O W E E N
 A M E G A G N T I
 P E R E S H A R K
 P O B Y N O P A P
 Y D N A C S M D M
 I E G O G T A V U
 W I N M I S C H P
 I A R O B R T E K
 T N O T E L E K S
 C A L I Y E D R E
 H W M T A T H W E

Happy
Halloween
Pumpkin

Skeleton
Witch
Ghost
Candy

What's Different?

Find the difference
in the two pictures.
List them below or
circle them in the
pictures.