

Blood Manor: Halloween House

A1+

Teacher's Notes

This spooky audio activity is an original way to celebrate Halloween. The scene is Blood Manor, a haunted house attraction in New York. There are lots of ghoulish sound effects. And pupils will be asked to practise listening for and producing “H” sounds (and also focus on when not to add a “phantom H” at the beginning of words).

Vocabulary and Structures

- celebrations
- Halloween
- fear
- body parts
- modals
- present simple
- present progressive
- imperatives
- pronouncing “H”

Observing and Reading

- We've provided a very short article to give pupils a visual clue to the audio.

Listening

- We suggest simply having pupils listen to the audio first, with no special preparation, and without the activity sheet. There are lots of sound effects and on a first listening pupils should be encouraged to pick up on the atmosphere. They should be able to say that it's about Halloween, or at least a haunted house, especially if it's played close to 31 October.

Listening for H

- Then pupils can listen to the list of words and identify those that do – and just as

importantly don't – have initial H's. There are a few they will need to listen especially carefully to (and, then hand; here, ear and hear).

Speaking

- Once the activity has been corrected, you can ask pupils to practise reading the words out loud to themselves. It will be cacophonous but reassuring for the shyer members of the class. Then ask for volunteers to try reading out the list (or a section). Even with the words written in front of them, it's not that easy for a French speaker. Definitely worth some bonus points!
- Alternatively, you could read out words in random order from the list and ask the class to hold up signs, or say “H” or “no H”.

Semantic Fields: Body Parts and Scary Words

- C. Asks pupils to look at the list again and identify words referring to parts of the body.
- D. works on words associated with scary places and therefore Halloween. It can be done listening to the scene again, or you may want to provide the script for spelling.

Solutions

1. Halloween 2. house 3. hello 5. haunted
6. hideous 7. hope 8. hearts 9. ha-ha-ha
10. hand 11. have 12. here 16. horrible
18. help 21. hair 24. hear

P2: hearts, hand, arm, hair, ear

P3: blood, haunted, hideous, ghost, vampire,
horrible, help

Audio Transcript

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Listen to this visit of Blood Manor, a scary place to go for Halloween!

Hello and welcome to Blood Manor, New York City's premier haunted house! This visit is going to be really hideous, so I hope you have strong hearts! Ha-ha-ha!!!

Oh! What was that? Did something touch your hand? Don't worry, it's probably just a ghost... or perhaps it's a vampire? We have lots of vampires here: they love the odour in the air at Blood Manor! Ha-ha-ha-ha!

Now can you see that door? You must not open that door. There's something horrible behind that door!

Oh, no, you opened it! Help, it's on my arm! It's pulling my hair! It's in my ear! I can't hear anything! Help! Help! Help!

B. Now listen to these 25 words again, repeat them, and write an h where necessary.