

# Happy Halloween Excerpt




# Reminisce: About Your Halloween Memories

Talk about costumes. Do you now or did you ever enjoy costume parties?

Talk about the funniest, scariest, or most clever or elaborate costume you, a pet, or someone else wore for Halloween or any occasion.



A collection of candy corns scattered across a bright blue background. The candy corns are white at the tip, red in the middle, and yellow at the base. They are arranged in a way that suggests a pile on the left side of the page, with a few more scattered towards the right.

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Talk about candy. What kind of Halloween treats do you (or did you) like giving or receiving? Did you ever get sick from eating candy?

A photograph of a tree with a thick brown trunk, heavily decorated with long, white, streamer-like garlands that hang down from the branches. The background shows green foliage and a building with a white roofline.

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**Talk about tricks. Did you ever play a Halloween trick on anyone? What did you do? Do you think some tricks are mean? (Throwing eggs, smashing pumpkins)**

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Talk about scary things. Do you like scary stories and movies or visiting haunted houses? Talk about an experience that frightened you or that thrilled you in a way you found fun.



# Reminisce: Halloween Memories

Talk about pumpkin carving and decorating your house and yard for Halloween. Did you do it? Talk about your best efforts or the best you saw.

(Illustration found at <http://www.designsponge.com/2010/10/diy-project-janices-illustrated-pumpkins.html>)



A vast field of pumpkins, likely a pumpkin patch, with many pumpkins scattered across the ground covered in straw and dried leaves. The pumpkins are bright orange and vary in size. In the background, the field extends to the horizon under a clear sky.

How do you mend a broken jack o' lantern? With a pumpkin patch!

# Trivia quiz: True Scary Stories?

Urban legends are stories that spread like wildfire – sometimes around actual campfires – but may or may not be true. (Learn more at [Snopes.com](http://Snopes.com).)

Can you tell which of the following stories are true?





# Trivia quiz: True Scary Stories?

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False X

This one has been around since the 1920s, but no alligators have ever been sighted!

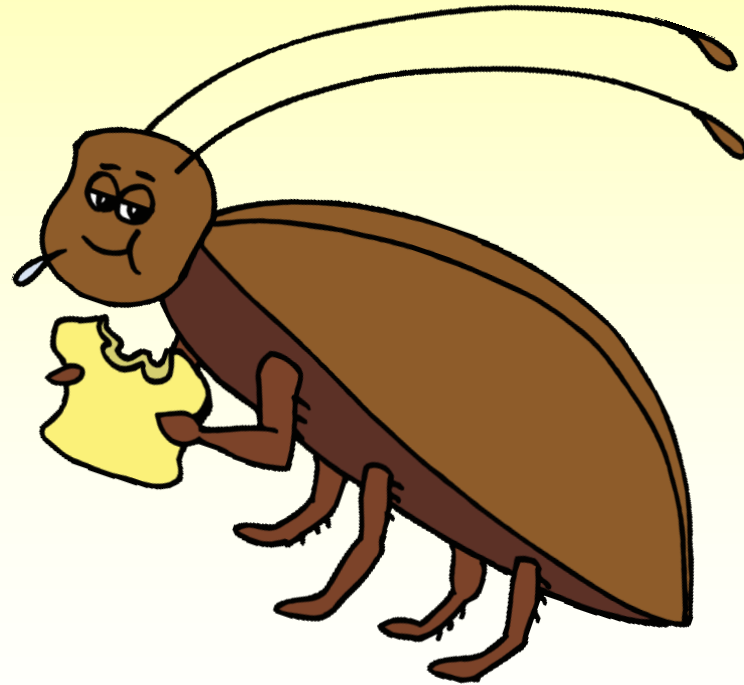


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2. That little bit of crunch in Fig Newtons could be due to the bugs that inadvertently get into the fig paste.

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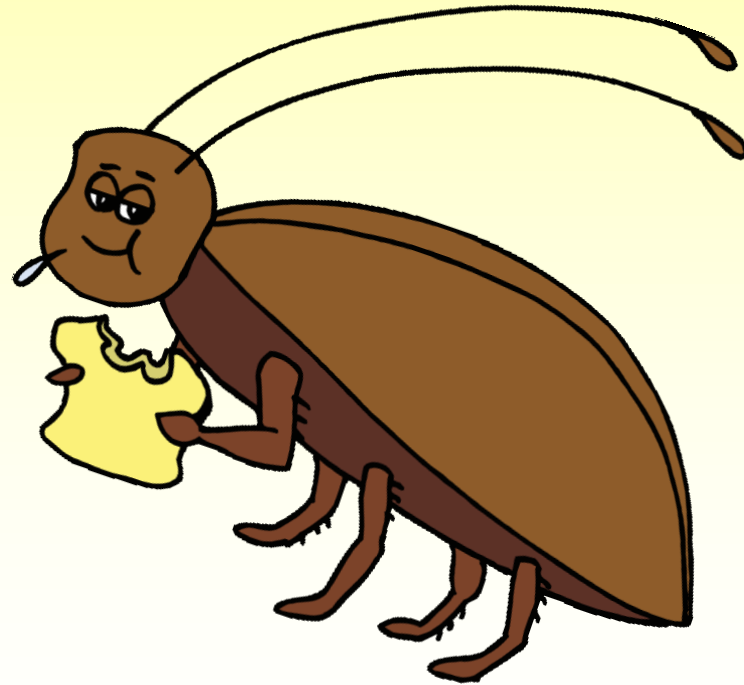


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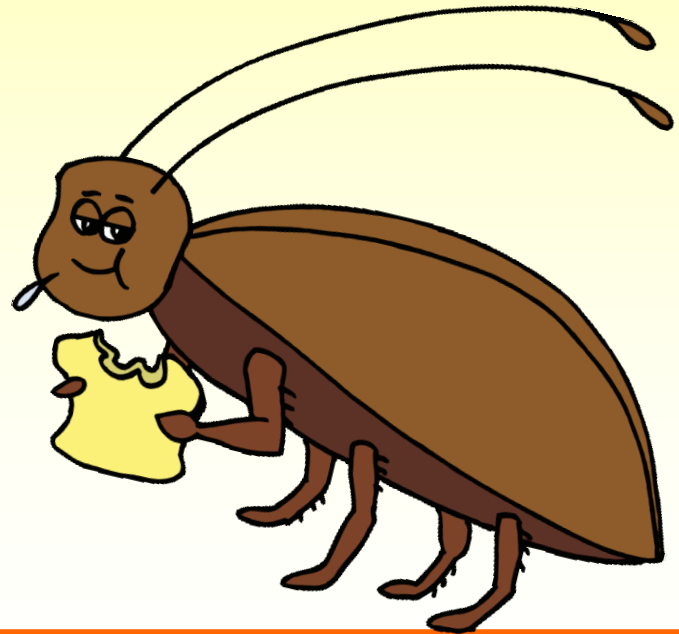
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The Food and Drug Administration allows for fig paste to have up to 13 insect heads per 100 grams. Because the fig flower relies upon wasps for pollination, many wasps end up harvested along with the figs, and are nearly impossible to eliminate entirely. Still, the crunch is mostly from the fig's seeds.



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3. A young boy died from eating six bags of Pop Rocks and a six-pack of Coca-Cola that exploded in his stomach, killing him instantly.

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Note: The combination could easily cause belching, but not exploding.



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We can provide more details, but do you really want them?



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False. Thank goodness. Although this legend had its origins in Europe more than 30 years ago, scientists have pointed out that this tale is impossible, because tarantulas live in holes in the ground and rarely venture to the surface.



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6. A man picked up a young female hitchhiker at an intersection late one night and drove her to the address she requested. When he pulled up to the house, he realized she had disappeared. He went to the house to ask about the girl, and the elderly couple living there informed him that the girl was their daughter, who had died many years ago in a car crash at that intersection.

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This one is *really* old, and makes a great Halloween story, especially when the ghost leaves her scarf behind in the car.



I hope this slide show excerpt has helped you make new connections in your brain and delightful connections sharing it with others.

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