

Wonderful Word Webs

For fun vocabulary-building activities, try these spooky word webs.

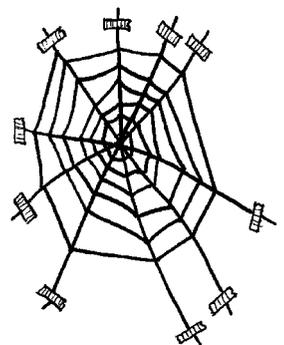
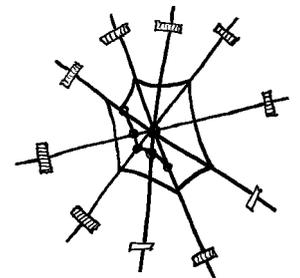
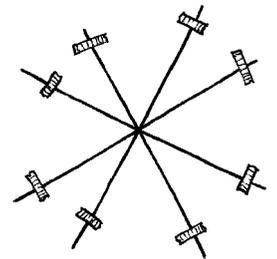
A Web of Words Use the web-shaped reproducible on page 14 to create word webs. Start by making one copy of the reproducible. In the center of the web, write a Halloween word. Copy the page for students and let them add words around the web that relate to the center word. For example, if you're studying bats, write the word *bat* at the center. Words that children might fill in include *mammal*, *nocturnal*, *bugs*, *fruit*, *fly*, and *cave*.



Spider Word Webs Use the spider reproducible on page 15 to create word webs. Start by making one copy of the reproducible. In the spider's abdomen, write a Halloween-related word or other word of your choice. Make a class set of the page and have students write on the dotted lines as many words as they can think of that relate to the center word. For example, the word *Halloween* might generate such words as *costumes*, *candy*, *pumpkins*, *monsters*, *spiders*, *bats*, and *ghosts*.

Variation For a special touch, make a giant spider word web to hang from a corner of the classroom.

- ☉ Cut five lengths of yarn, varying in size from 3½ to 5 feet. (Modify this to fit your corner.)
- ☉ Tape four lengths of yarn to the wall so that the pieces intersect.
- ☉ Take the fifth length, tape one end to the wall, wrap it around the intersection of the first two strings, then attach the other end to the wall.
- ☉ Use additional yarn to create the spiral. Start by knotting the yarn close to the center. Move to the next radius, knot, and continue. Repeat until the web is complete.
- ☉ Write the word to be webbed on a card and tape it to the center of the web. Have children write related words on cards and tape them around the web.



Book Break

Halloween Cats

Jean Marzollo (Scholastic, 1992)

Invite young readers to chime in as you share this rhyming book about a group of mischievous trick-or-treating cats. Dim the lights before you read (and maybe put on a mask yourself). For an easy-to-perform play, let children make face masks to go with the cat characters and act out the story as you read it again.

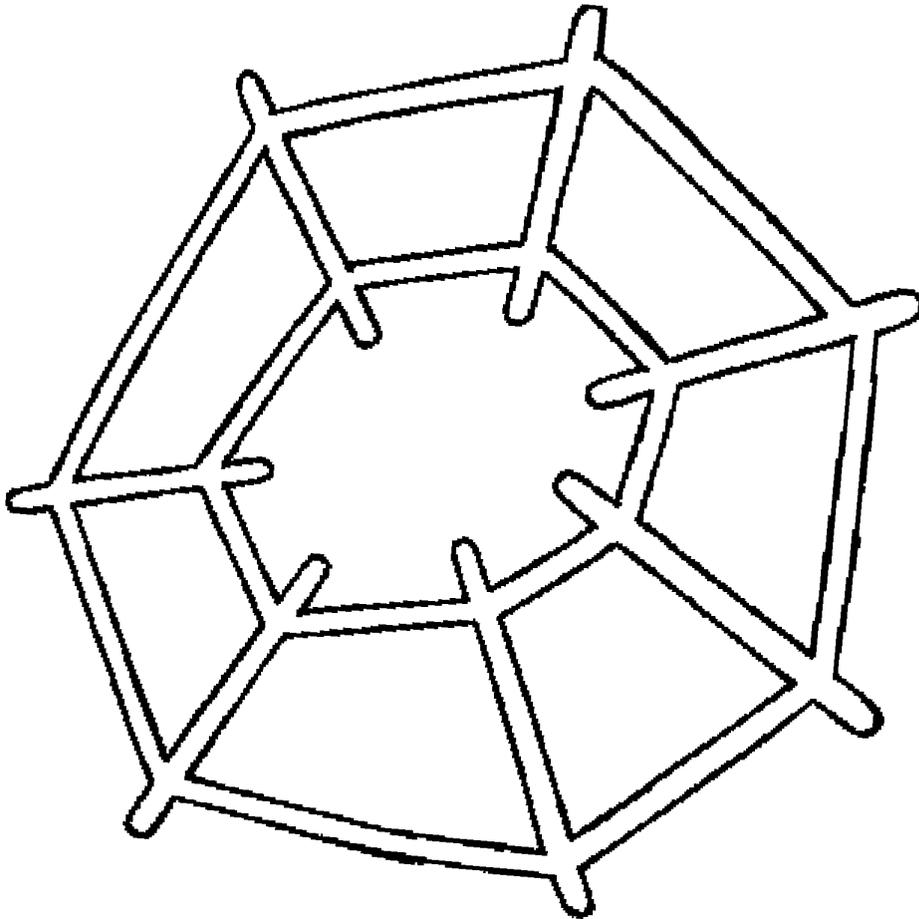


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