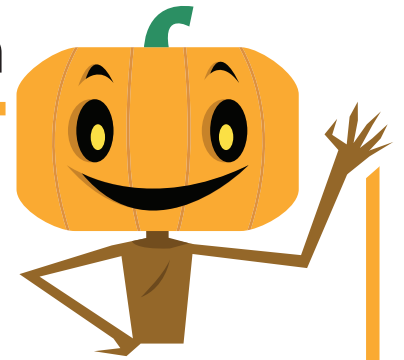


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Cast of Characters

• Narrator • Alexander • Harper • Mom

Answer Key

Part 1

It's a chilly Friday afternoon in October. Alexander has just gotten home from school with his best friend Harper.

Alexander: Hi Mom! Harper is here.

Mom: Hi! How was school today?

Alexander: (looks unsure) It was okay.

Mom: Just okay?

Harper: Alexander gets to be the giant pumpkin. You know... at the fall festival!

Alexander: Yeah, I don't know if I want to do it.

Harper: But...the giant pumpkin has the best job.

Alexander: I know. I get to make little kids smile. But I might get really hot. And I don't want people to laugh at me.

Mom: Alexander, this is exciting! Don't worry, you'll be fine.

Part 2

It is the day of the fall festival. Alexander's mom is helping him get dressed as a pumpkin. They are in their living room.

Mom: This looks great!

Alexander: You think so?

Mom: I see you still feel nervous. It's okay if you don't want to do this!

Narrator: Alexander and his mom hear a knock on the front door. It's Harper.

Harper: Hi Alexander! Are you ready?

Alexander: I still feel nervous. But...I'm also excited!

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Harper: I will stay with you during the festival.

Mom: That should make Alexander feel better.

Harper: I promise! I'll hang out with you the whole time. Well, I might go bobbing for apples...

Alexander: Haha. Okay. But really. Promise to stay by me?

Harper: Promise! (Harper and Alexander high five)

Mom: (grabbing her camera) Ok, let's get in the car.

Part 3

Alexander and his mom are home. The fall festival is over. They are sitting at the kitchen table.

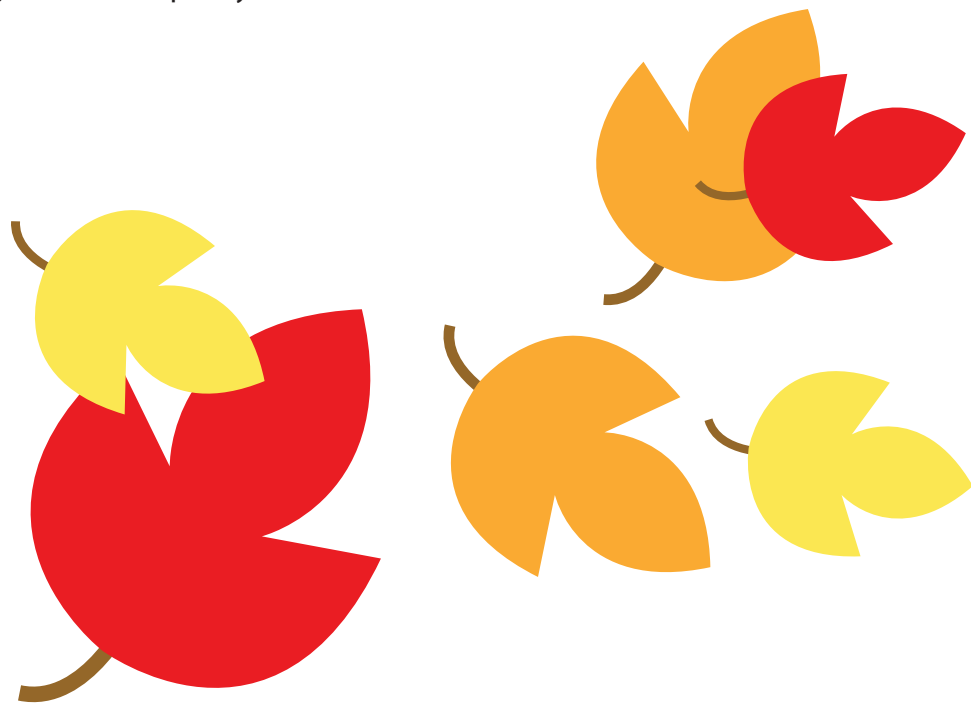
Narrator: Alexander and Harper stuck together the whole night. They both had a lot of fun.

Mom: How was it?

Alexander: (smiling) I had so much fun!

Mom: See? Friends can really help us stay brave. You are lucky to have Harper as a friend. And she's lucky to have you!

Alexander: (smiling) Yeah. She's pretty cool.



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Directions: Answer the questions below.

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1. What is your favorite part of the story? Why?

{Student responses will vary}

2. What is this story mostly about?

- a. How friends can help us be brave.
- b. Why Harper and Alexander are best friends.
- c. Why bobbing for apples is the best fall game.

What evidence helped you choose the correct answer?

{Student responses will vary, but may include: The story teaches us that friends can help us be brave because

Alexander is nervous to be the giant pumpkin. Harper stays with him at the festival. She makes him feel better.}

3. How does Alexander feel in the beginning of the story? Circle two words.

happy

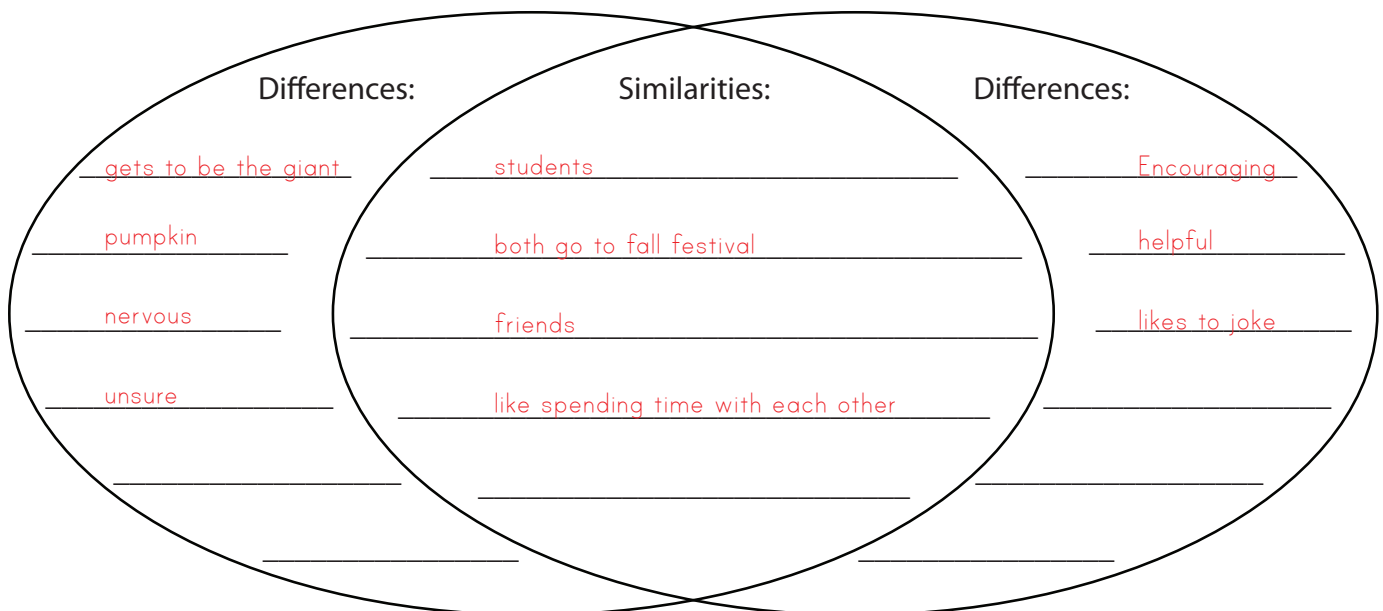
unsure

nervous

confident

4. What do Alexander and Harper have in common? How are they different? Complete the Venn diagram below using words and pictures.

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5. How does Alexander feel at the end of the story? Circle two words.

happy

scared

afraid

brave

6. How do your friends help you stay brave? Use information from your life to write a response. Next draw a picture showing a time when your friends helped you stay brave.

{Student responses will vary}
