



# Ghoulish Ghost Word Problems



**1.** Alan, the ghost, died in 1927. It is now 2012. He was 42 when he died. How many years ago did he die and how old would he be now if he were still alive?

$$2012 - 1927 = 85 \text{ yrs ago}$$
$$42 + 85 = 127!$$

**2.** Alan haunts multiple places. His favorite is the old house on the hill. He has made this house famous and people from all over come to visit the haunted house. On Monday, Alan scared the wits out of 5 people. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, he scared the wits out of 3 people on each day. Friday was a lot of fun: Alan scared the wits out of 16 people. On Saturday and Sunday, Alan scared the wits out of 18 people on each day! How many people did he scare in total?

$$5 + (3 \times 3) + 16 + (18 \times 2)$$
$$5 + 9 + 16 + 36 = 66$$

**3.** Alan may be a ghost but he still has to travel from place to place. Alan floats 5 miles from his home to get to the haunted house. From there, he floats 10 miles to the cemetery. But on the way to the cemetery, Alan drops his hat. He floats back 2 miles to get it. Alan continues on his journey. He floats 6 miles from the point he dropped his hat to get to the prison. How far is Alan's home to the prison?

$$5 + 10 - 2 + 6 = 19$$