

Task Cards

for Halloween

E-e-e-e!! Spelling

Words with 3 or More E's

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Twenty-four Cards

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Early each October, I start seeing signs all over the place, “Workers Needed for Haunted Cemetary,” or “Haunted Cemetary 2 mi.”

Years ago, someone clued me in on the spelling ditty that goes, “She cried E-E-E! when she passed the cEmEtEry,” so naturally I always notice and obsess over these public displays of bad spelling. I was on the verge of purchasing one of those huge permanent black magic markers (the other teacher’s pet) and turning loose my desire to correct when I was distracted by the realization that many words have 3 e’s in their spellings. Then I found a bunch of 4-e words. To my surprise, I Googled-up a group of 5-e’s. The community’s bad spellers were spared, and I had an idea for a fun Halloween spelling activity for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

Of course, all age groups and attitudes are invited to have a go at E-e-e-e!! Spelling!

Each of the twenty-four cards presents a clue to help identify a partially spelled, familiar target word. You might also want to point out to your students that a clue with past-tense verbs in it (“*Went* beyond what *was* expected”), will most likely require a past-tense (–*ed*) answer (“exceeded”). Furthermore, a clue with the word “who” (“A person who raises honeybees”) usually leads to an answer ending in “er” (“beekeeper”), with exceptions such as “referee.”

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In addition to the task cards themselves, you get a cover card (which can double as a container label), a student instruction card, an answer sheet, and answer keys. For a variety of creative ways to use them, check out Rachel Lynette’s [Task Card Handbook](#). It’s free!

Preparation Instructions: The cards are formatted in color, but they also work well in grayscale.

- Cut card pages vertically at 5½” and individual cards horizontally at 4”.
- Answer sheets are designed to be cut 5½” by 7¾”.

Please keep in mind that different printers cause the cards to move around on the page slightly, so you might have to make some cutting adjustments.

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Margaret".

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E-e-e-e! Spelling 1

Words with 3 or More E's

Clue: A synonym for *graveyard*

Word: c _ _ _ e t _ _ _ y (3 e's)



Write the correctly spelled word on your answer sheet.

E-e-e-e! Spelling 2

Words with 3 or More E's

Clue: Went beyond what was intended or allowed

Word: e x _ _ _ _ _ d _ _ d (4 e's)



Write the correctly spelled word on your answer sheet.

E-e-e-e! Spelling 3

Words with 3 or More E's

Clue: One more than sixteen

Word: s _ _ v _ _ _ t _ _ _ _ _ (4 e's)



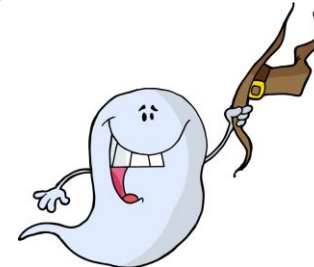
Write the correctly spelled word on your answer sheet.

E-e-e-e! Spelling 4

Words with 3 or More E's

Clue: Said hello

Word: g r _ _ _ t _ _ _ (3 e's)



Write the correctly spelled word on your answer sheet.

Name _____

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Answer Sheet

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|-----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 13. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 14. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 15. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 16. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 17. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 18. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 19. _____ |
| 8. _____ | 20. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 21. _____ |
| 10. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 24. _____ |

Name _____

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Answer Sheet

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| 1. _____ | 13. _____ |
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| 10. _____ | 22. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 23. _____ |
| 12. _____ | 24. _____ |

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