

# Double Double Letters

A Hal**l**ow**ee**n Treat

with a

Graphic Organizer for Writing

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## A Note from the author. . .

In harmony with the unabashed, juvenile behavior it solicits from all age groups the last day of October, the word *Halloween* is itself quite unique. Some say it goes all the way back to ancient Rome, but most pinpoint its origin to an old Celtic calendar where it was the last night of the year—the transition between the “lighter half” of the year (summer) and the “darker half” (winter). It was a fragile time, a night when both good and evil spirits could wander into the world of the living.

With pagan rituals and ideas in its ancestry, it spent its childhood in Old English. An early recognizable form is *Allhallow-even*, a Scottish shortening of an archaic word for “All-Hallows-Eve.” The term *Halloween* first appeared in the 16<sup>th</sup> century (c 1556).

Lucky for us, it grew up to be a word with **two sets of double letters**, which makes it a perfect starting point for an activity focusing on this particular spelling anomaly.

So, here it is--**Double Double Letters**—A Halloween Treat with a Graphic Organizer for Writing.



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Use the clues to unscramble the letters in **bold** print and reveal a word with *two sets of double letters*. Write the correctly spelled word in the blank to the left.

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. **eellnoawH** October 31, same spooky date every year

\_\_\_\_\_ 2. **oooodv** It involves spells and magic.

\_\_\_\_\_ 3. **oollrmba** Mummies and witches can dance in this place.

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. **oollydHw** Vampires and werewolves go here to be movie stars.

\_\_\_\_\_ 5. **ssocmlar** This is probably where you are right now.

\_\_\_\_\_ 6. **ollnab** Some of them float, but they all make a loud noise when they pop.

\_\_\_\_\_ 7. **eeffco** You can have it with or without caffeine.

\_\_\_\_\_ 8. **mmoaetr** Some of them get along well and some of them don't.

\_\_\_\_\_ 9. **hhoofkis** Without one of these, a fisherman couldn't fish.

\_\_\_\_\_ 10. **sspprghorae** an insect with a spring in its step



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