

Terrifying Terms and Creepy Characters (Parts One and Two)

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Terrifying Terms and Creepy Characters (Part One) Use a dictionary, the internet, and your collected knowledge to fill in the missing letters and identify the following words and names with spooky or repulsive connotations. Spelling counts! Example: **g** o ____ n ___ Grotesque elfin creatures of folklore, thought to work mischief or evil. Answer: goblins 1. **s p** ____ **r** A visible spirit, especially one of a terrifying nature; a ghost; some object or source of terror or dread. 2. F r _____ s t ____ A person who creates a monster or a destructive agency that cannot be controlled or brings about the creator's ruin; the main character in Mary Shelly's famous 1818 novel. 3. **c e** _____ **r** ___ If you think of screaming, "E—e—e--!" when you pass this place, you will always spell it correctly. 4. **d e s a l** Deserving of contempt or scorn; vile. 5. **v** u _____ Any of various large birds of prey, characteristically having dark plumage and a featherless head and neck and generally feeding on dead or decaying flesh. 6. **c a r** ____ Dead and decaying flesh of an animal. 7. I u ____t __ c An insane person; wildly or giddily foolish; extreme eccentricity or recklessness. 8. B é __ a L u g __ __ A Hungarian actor best known for his portrayal of Count Dracula in the 1927 American Broadway stage production and the subsequent 1931 film version of Bram Stoker's story. 9. a b o ____ b __ e Repugnantly hateful; detestable; loathsome; very unpleasant and disagreeable; terrible. 10. **b a n** _____ In Irish folklore, a spirit in the form of a wailing woman who appears to warn of impending death. 11. **vis**___a The soft internal organs of the body, especially those contained within the abdominal and thoracic cavity; guts. 12. **t r** _____ In Scandinavian folklore, any of a race of supernatural beings, sometimes conceived as giants and sometimes as dwarfs, inhabiting caves, in the hills, or under bridges. 13. **F** r ____ **G** w ____ The actor who portrayed Herman Munster. 14. **m u** ____ A moist sticky mixture, especially of mud and filth; slime; a state of chaos or confusion.