

# Word of the Month: SPOOKY

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## 1. Read

Spooky books or films make us feel scared. Sometimes we scream, or shout, or jump in our seat. Spooky books and films are not horror stories about monsters. They are about strange happenings that we don't understand: spirits, ghosts, haunted houses.

## 2. Circle one word we CANNOT use to describe films and books.

funny      sad      delicious      spooky      scary      exciting

## 3. Write each adjective next to the correct storyline.

- a. This film is about ghosts. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. This film is about an adventure in the jungle. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. This film is about a boy who dies. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. This film is about a plane crash. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. This film is about a talking dog. \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. Use the Longman online dictionary. Find synonyms for all the adjectives in ex. 2.

- a. \_\_\_\_\_
- b. \_\_\_\_\_
- c. \_\_\_\_\_
- d. \_\_\_\_\_
- e. \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. Describe your favourite film. Say why you like this film. Use these prompts to help you.

I like the film .... *Titanic* ... because I like ... *sad*... films.

## Teacher's Notes

2. Circle “delicious”. Delicious is used to describe really good food, not films.

3. Write each adjective next to the correct storyline.

a. spooky    b. exciting    c. sad    d. scary    e. funny

4. Sample answer:

a. Strange, frightening (makes you think of ghosts)

b. Dramatic

c. Tragic

d. Frightening

e. Hilarious

5. Ask students to brainstorm film titles in small groups. Ask each group to vote for their favourite film. Then, they can work in pairs to complete exercise 5.