



Spooky Grammar:

Halloween Verb Patterns + SO / SUCH

Remember!



Verb + to + infinitive: agree, can't afford, choose, decide, hope, manage, need, pretend, refuse, want, 'd like, 'd prefer.

Example: We decided to go trick-or-treating.



Verb + ing: avoid, can't stand, consider, don't mind, enjoy, miss, spend time.

Example: She enjoys carving pumpkins. He spends time decorating the house.



Verb + -ing OR to + infinitive (may have a different meaning) or emphasis: hate, like, love, prefer.

Example: I love dressing up. = I love to dress up.



SO + adjective/adverb: The house was so scary! He ran so fast!

SO + many/much: so many pumpkins, so much candy.



SUCH (a/an sg.n.) + (adjective) + noun: It was such a dark night!

They are such scary decorations!

Exercise 1 - Sort the verbs into the table (three columns: + to infinitive / + -ing / both).

Word bank:

agree, can't afford, avoid, can't stand, choose, decide, hope, manage, consider, don't mind, enjoy, need, pretend, refuse, want, hate, like, love, miss, prefer, spend time, 'd like, 'd prefer.

+ to infinitive	+ -ing	both





EXERCISE 2

Complete the Halloween sentences with the correct form of the verb in brackets (to + infinitive or -ing):

1. Tom and his friends decided _____ (go) trick-or-treating on Halloween night.
2. Lucy can't stand _____ (watch) horror films alone.
3. We agreed _____ (meet) in front of the old graveyard at 8 p.m.
4. My little brother refuses _____ (wear) a scary costume.
5. I don't mind _____ (carve) pumpkins, but I hate _____ (clean) up the mess afterwards.
6. Sarah can't afford _____ (buy) an expensive witch costume, so she needs _____ (make) one herself.
7. They managed _____ (find) the haunted house in the dark.
8. We avoid _____ (walk) past that creepy house at night.
9. Mark pretended _____ (be) a ghost to scare his sister.
10. I'd prefer _____ (stay) at home tonight and watch a film.
11. Emma spends a lot of time _____ (make) her costume.
12. Do you miss _____ (dress up) as a child?
13. I hope _____ (win) the prize for the best costume.
14. We're considering _____ (organise) a Halloween party at school.

EXERCISE 3

Circle the correct option:

1. Would you like going / to go to a Halloween party with us?
2. He chose wearing / to wear the vampire costume.
3. I really enjoy watching / to watch scary films with my friends.
4. They want staying / to stay up until midnight.
5. We'd prefer going / to go trick-or-treating before it gets late.





5 Exercise 4 - Fill in SO or SUCH:

1. The haunted house was _____ scary that we ran out screaming.
2. It was _____ a dark night that we couldn't see anything.
3. There were _____ many pumpkins in the garden!
4. She has _____ an amazing costume!
5. He told us _____ a creepy story that nobody could sleep.
6. The bats flew _____ quickly that we couldn't count them.
7. They are _____ scary decorations!
8. I ate _____ much candy that I felt sick.



5 Exercise 5 - Find someone who...

Ask "Do you enjoy...?" / "Would you ...?" and write down names.

	Name
can't stand horror films	
would like to go to a haunted house	
enjoys carving pumpkins	
hates wearing masks	
would prefer to stay at home on Halloween	
has decided to dress up this year	
loves eating sweets	
doesn't mind walking in a graveyard at night	

6 Exercise 6 - Writing:

Describe how Halloween could be celebrated in the Czech Republic 6-8 sentences. Use at least 5 verbs from the lists (with -ing or to + infinitive) and 2 sentences with so or such.





Answer key – teacher's copy



1 Exercise 1:

to + infinitive: agree, can't afford, choose, decide, hope, manage, need, pretend, refuse, want, 'd like, 'd prefer.

-ing: avoid, can't stand, consider, don't mind, enjoy, miss, spend time.

Both: hate, like, love, prefer.

2 Exercise 2:

1 to go; 2 watching; 3 to meet; 4 to wear; 5 carving, cleaning (or to clean); 6 to buy, to make; 7 to find; 8 walking; 9 to be; 10 to stay; 11 making; 12 dressing up; 13 to win; 14 organising.

3 Exercise 3:

1 to go; 2 to wear; 3 watching (to watch is also possible); 4 to stay; 5 to go.

4 Exercise 4:

1 so; 2 such; 3 so; 4 such; 5 such; 6 so; 7 such; 8 so.

5/6 Exercises 5 and 6:

answers will vary.

