

HALLOWEEN ~ READING COMPREHENSION

READ THE HALLOWEEN STORIES. WRITE **T** (TRUE) or **F** (FALSE) in the corresponding boxes.

Get ready to speak about the wrong information in class.

On a warm summer night, my friends and I stayed up until about 3.00 am, telling scary stories and anecdotes we experienced. Nathan told us about a strange encounter he had with a ghost. He said he was driving back home in the countryside when he saw a hitchhiker on the road. He was too afraid to stop so he went on driving. As he passed the woman, he looked back in the rearview mirror for a last glance when to his surprise she was sitting in his back seat. We think he was tired of driving and it was type of an optical illusion but he insisted it was real.

Another friend, Tony, told us about a young couple who got married in Newcastle about thirty years ago. It was Halloween when the young couple got married. Around midnight, they were riding in a horse-drawn carriage across a bridge at the same time a car was. The bridge was only one lane wide, so by the time they saw each other it was too late: they crashed and the hubcap of the car flew off, decapitating the bride. The police never found her head or the body of the groom. People say that if you sit on the bridge on Halloween night around midnight, you can see the headless bride standing on some rocks in the river. However they don't know if she is looking for her head or for her lost love.

- a. My friends heard these stories on the radio. ☐
- b. Nathan told the story about the headless bride. ☐
- c. The hitchhiker was a woman. ☐
- d. Nathan stopped his car for the hitchhiker to get in. ☐
- e. The hitchhiker talked to Nathan. ☐
- f. The young couple got married in Newcastle. ☐
- g. Their wedding was on October 31. ☐
- h. The bridge was very wide. ☐
- i. Part of a car decapitated the bride. ☐
- j. If you are on the bridge on Halloween night, you can hear the bride crying. ☐