

Student's Worksheet 1

Creatures of the night

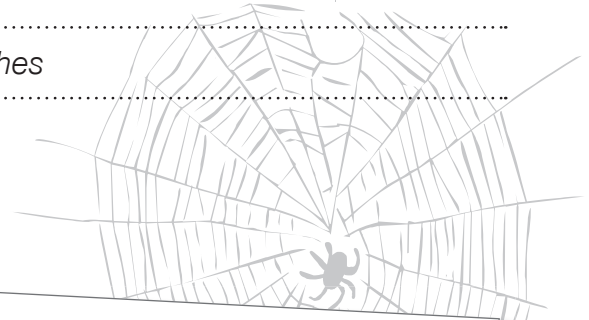
TASK 1 Read the four texts and complete them with the names of the creatures in the box.

werewolves

vampires

imps

witches



1.

..... are mythological undead creatures who have been known in many cultures for thousands of years. The name we currently use to describe them comes from the 18th century, when legends about them became very popular in the Balkans and Eastern Europe. Some people actually believed that these creatures really existed and were very scared of them. In the 19th century, a lot of stories about fighting the terrible beasts were published. The most famous one is most probably the 1897 novel by Bram Stoker. Nowadays, the creatures have entered pop culture. More often than not, they are the main heroes who live happily ever after.

2.

..... are evil demons whose beginnings are in Germanic folklore. They are usually described as small and ugly in appearance and wild and mischievous in character. They like having fun and are known for playing tricks on people. They are sometimes described as companions to witches or wizards. They are not very popular nowadays, but in the past they were often present in European art and architecture – especially religious buildings such as churches and cathedrals.

3.

..... are probably one of the best-known dark creatures – stories of them appear in almost all countries and cultures in the world. In the 14th and 15th century in Europe, these creatures were believed to be real and many people lost their lives because of the battle against them. In Eastern European mythology, they are usually described as living away from people, usually in or near a forest, spending time making potions and doing magic. Typically, they also need a black cat to assist them and a broom to fly on.

4.

..... are creatures which have existed in folklore for thousands of years. Stories of them can be found in Ancient Greece, during the Scandinavian Viking Age and in cinemas today. They are described in a variety of ways depending on the time and the culture, but we know them as strong, cruel and closely connected to the appearance of the Moon. Today, some medical researchers think that the belief in these creatures originally came from people's fear of some serious medical problems, which in the past, were misunderstood.

Student's Worksheet 2

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TASK 2 Without looking back at the texts, try to link the information from each column to the correct creature.

werewolves	the Balkans	Bram Stoker	medical problems
vampires	Viking Age	making potions	pop culture
imps	Europe, 14th–15th c.	playing tricks	a broom
witches	Germanic folklore	the Moon	architecture



ROLE CARD 1

You are a werewolf. It's Halloween and you and your friends are planning to spend the evening together.

You would like to spend the evening outside – it's full moon tonight. Running around the neighbourhood, scaring people and having fun with your friends would be a perfect evening for you.

Talk to your friends and try to agree on your plan for the evening.

ROLE CARD 2

You are a vampire. It's Halloween and you and your friends are planning to spend the evening together.

You don't especially like Halloween. You think people who dress up and run around scaring each other are a bit silly. You would like to spend the evening inside – it's a little cold at this time of year already.

Talk to your friends and try to agree on your plan for the evening.

ROLE CARD 3

You are a witch. It's Halloween and you and your friends are planning to spend the evening together.

You think that Halloween is the best time to do some magic. You would like to stay in and practise some new spells. Also, your cat is a bit old and you don't want to leave it alone on such an important evening of the year.

Talk to your friends and try to agree on your plan for the evening.

ROLE CARD 4

You are an imp. It's Halloween and you and your friends are planning to spend the evening together.

You are very excited about Halloween. You would like to spend the evening outside, playing tricks and making fun of people. It's the only time of the year when you can do this openly and you can't miss this opportunity.

Talk to your friends and try to agree on your plan for the evening.