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# Halloween Word Problems

## Objectives

- Students will show understanding and mastery of specific math concepts.
- Students will create word problems for their peers to solve.
- Students will calculate answers to word problems.

## Technology Skills Developed

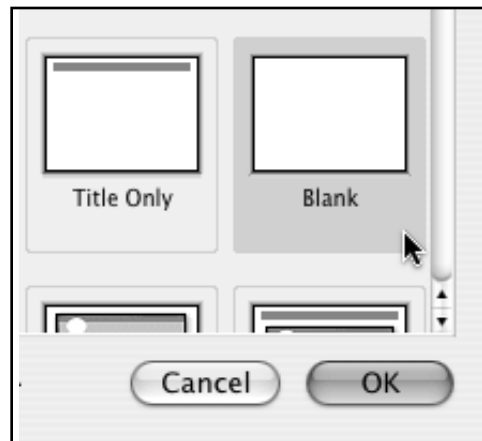
- using a presentation program
- inserting clip art

## Programs Needed

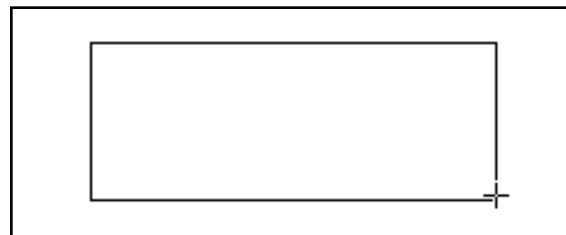
- a presentation program such as *PowerPoint*

## Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Review with students the particular math concepts they will be focusing on.
2. Have students write Halloween word problems based on the math concepts.
3. Check their word problems for accuracy.
4. Have students open *PowerPoint* and select a blank slide.

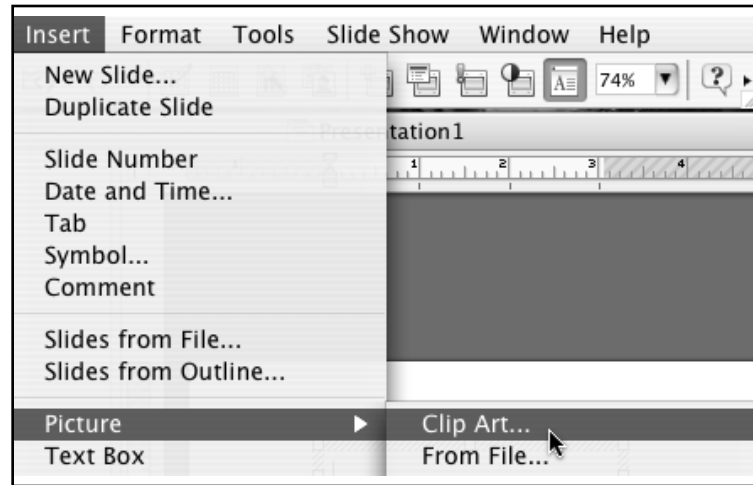


5. Students should type their word problems onto this slide. In order to enter text on the slide, they will need to create a text box. They can do this by clicking the **Text Box** button on the Drawing toolbar, then clicking and dragging the cursor across the slide.

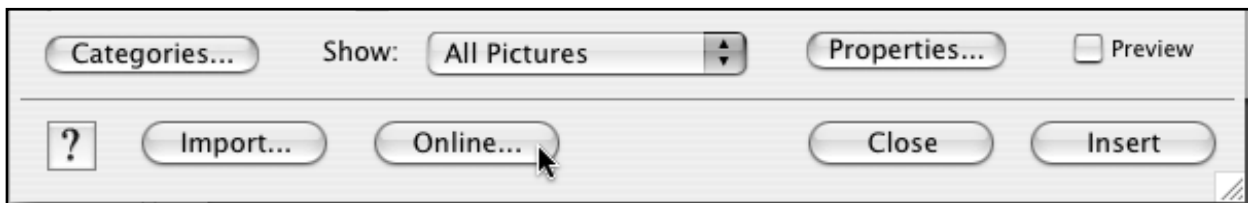


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- To make the slide more interesting, the students can add Halloween clip art by going to the **Insert** menu, selecting **Picture**, and then selecting **Clip Art**.



- If students are unable to find appropriate Halloween clip art, and if the computers they are using have Internet access, allow them to search for further clip art online by clicking the **Online** button in the Microsoft Clip Gallery. This will open the website of the *Microsoft Design Gallery*, where students can find and download additional clip art for free.



- Have students insert a new slide by going to the **Insert** menu, selecting **New Slide**, and once again selecting a blank slide.
- On the second slide, the students should type the answer along with an explanation.
- Create a title slide for a master presentation of all word problems, or have a student who finishes quickly take that task.
- The slides can then be compiled into a master presentation and timed so that the students can actually be tested or quizzed on the word problems.

## Extension Ideas

- This lesson can be used to test or review any concept from history to word definitions to a foreign language. The question should always be on the first slide and the answer on the second slide with enough time provided in between the slides for students to calculate and record their answers.