

11. VOCABULARIO DE HALLOWEEN

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We have prepared for you a spooky list of Hallowe'en phrases. Skeletons, ghosts, blood... Be afraid, be very afraid!

HALLOWEEN PHRASES:

#01. TO HAVE SKELETONS IN THE CLOSET

- To have a dark secret that you don't share because of shame or fear.

Ex: *Jim never talks about his family or his past. I think he has some skeletons in the closet.*

#02. OVER MY DEAD BODY

- Something you say when talking about something that you will never let happen.

Ex: *My student asked if she could drive my car and I said “over my dead body”.*



#03. A GHOST TOWN

- A place that is abandoned or empty.

Ex: *Since COVID-19 arrived, the centre of Barcelona is like a ghost town.*

#04. TO BE STABBED IN THE BACK

- To be betrayed by someone.

Ex: *She stabbed me in the back when she told everyone my secret.*

#05. TO MAKE YOUR BLOOD BOIL

- Something that makes you very angry.

Ex: *I hate bullies so much, they really make my blood boil!*

#06. NIGHT OWL

- Someone who likes staying up late at night.

Ex: *My husband is a total night owl. He's happiest when he's reading a book until well past midnight.*

#07. WITCH HUNT

- Punishing a specific group of people for something, and blaming them for societal problems, even if they've done nothing.

Ex: *Before and during World War II, the Nazi party began to blame the Jews for all of Germany's problems. They caused a huge witch hunt against them.*

#08. SMELL A RAT

- To think someone is not honest or not who they say they are.

Ex: *The gangster started to believe that there was a police infiltrator in his gang. “I smell a rat”, he said.*

#09. STOP DEAD IN YOUR TRACKS

- To suddenly freeze or not move.

Ex: *I stopped dead in my tracks when I walked outside for lunch and saw Billie Eilish had come to our school.*



#10. COME BACK TO HAUNT YOU

- When something from the past resurfaces as a problem or challenge.

Ex: *Not studying after school came back to haunt me when I got terrible marks in my exams.*

#11. MAKE YOUR SKIN CRAWL

- When something creeps you out or makes you uncomfortable.

Ex: *My neighbour is awful. He’s always watching us and making uncomfortable comments. He really makes my skin crawl.*

EXERCISE 01:

Fill the gap with the correct phrase. After, check the answers below.

1. The NBA finals didn't start until 2am, but I didn't mind. I'm a _____ anyway.

2. Oh no, I can't look at old photos of me. I knew my 80s hairstyle would _____, it's so embarrassing!

3. I don't like reading some newspapers. They always blame the crisis on vulnerable groups of people and try to start a total _____.

4. Don't take to my dad about politics, please. He gets so angry, it really _____.

5. She's so mysterious about her past. She never tells me anything. I think she might _____.

6. My flatmate wants to have a party in the house tonight? But I have my final exams tomorrow. No way, it's not happening, _____!

7. He has a huge phobia of spiders. He can't be in the same room as them. They _____.

8. The fox suddenly _____ when it saw the wildlife photographer.



9. After the nuclear disaster, Chernobyl became a total _____.
10. He told you that last night he went to the bar? He told me that he was studying in the library! Hmm, I think I _____.
11. I can't believe that he told everyone my secret. He has totally _____.



ANSWERS

01.

- 1 - night owl
- 2 - come back to haunt me
- 3 - witch hunt
- 4 - makes his blood boil
- 5 - have some skeletons in her/the closet
- 6 - over my dead body
- 7 - make his skin crawl
- 8 - stopped dead in its tracks
- 9 - ghost town
- 10 - smell a rat
- 11 - stabbed me in the back

