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Ick and Crud

Happy Halloween



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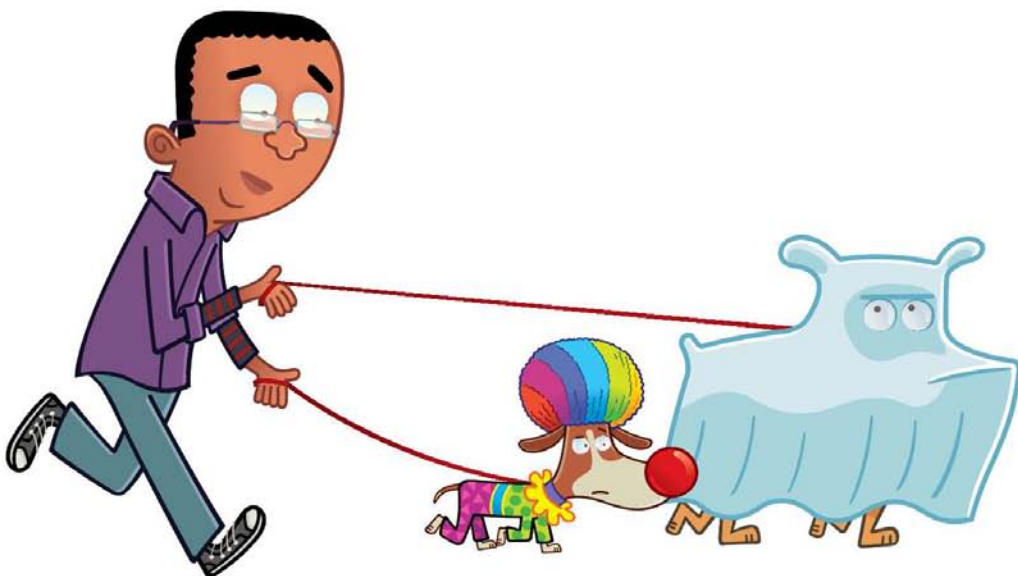
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Meet the Characters



Ick



Crud



Miss Puffy



Bob



Mrs. Martin

It's Halloween!



“**B**oo!” yelled Crud.

“Ruff! Woof! Ruff! You scared the doggie bones out of me,” said Ick.

“It’s that time of year,” said Crud.

“You mean pumpkins with bad teeth? Witches? And kids dressed as ghosts?”

“Yes,” said Crud. “It’s Halloween.”



Ick shivered. “Halloween has too many ghosts. I don’t like ghosts. They live in attics. And they eat little dogs.”

“I’ll protect you, buddy,” said Crud.

Just then Bob walked in holding two boxes. On each was written: *Dog Costume*.

“Uh-oh,” said Ick.

“Not this year,” said Crud. “I’m not letting him dress me up like a hot dog again.”

“You had it easy,” moaned Ick. “Bob put me in a buggy last year. I had a baby rattle! Kids screamed and fainted when they saw me.”

“Well, this year will be different,” said Crud. “Stick with me.”

“Like bubblegum,” said Ick.



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