

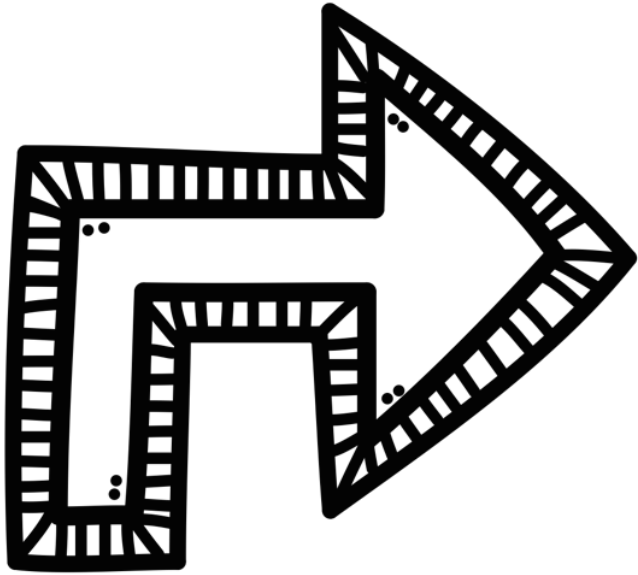
OCTOBER DAILY DENDRITE CHALLENGE

a digital resource for critical thinking

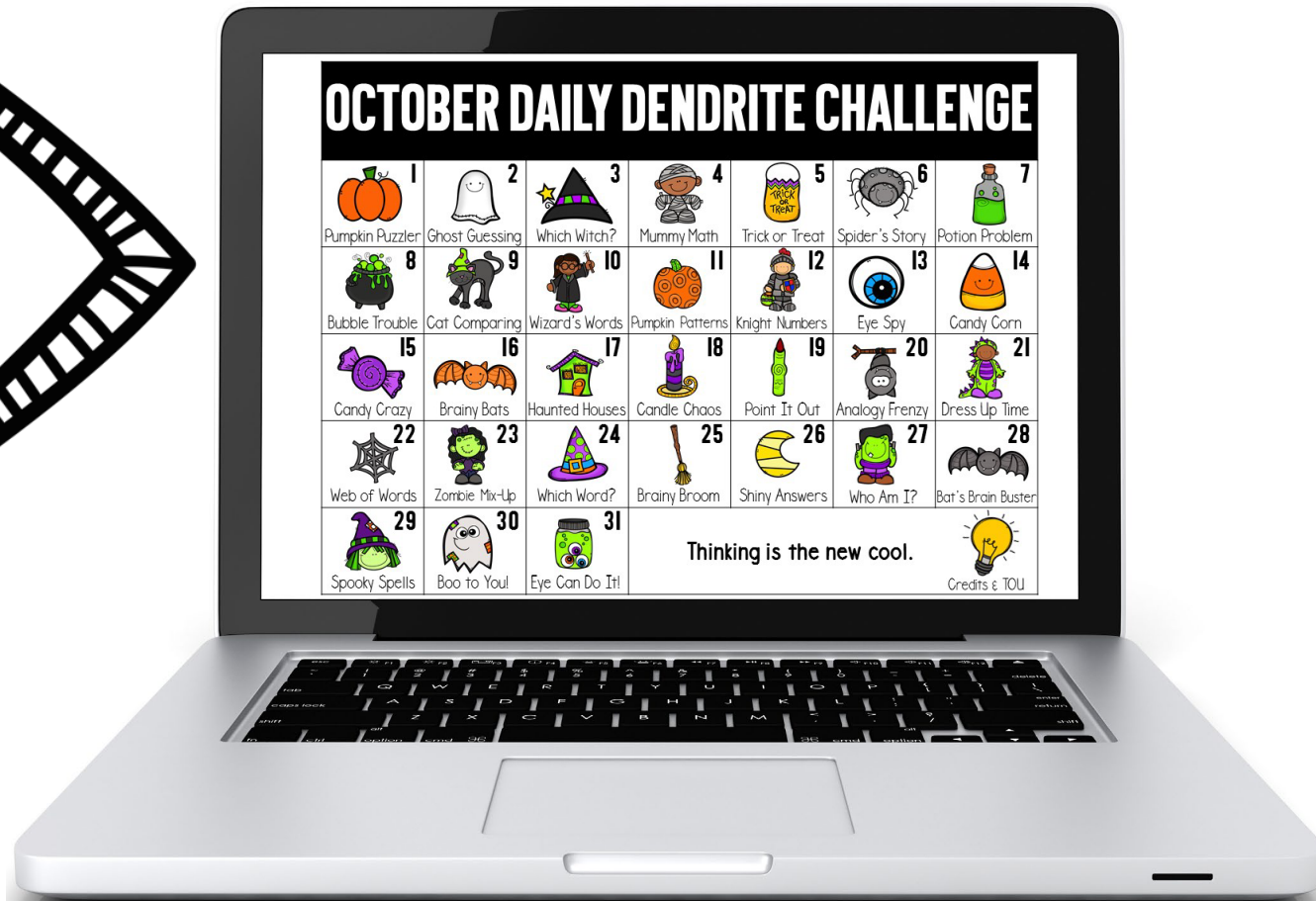


PAPERLESS, QUICK, AND FUN!

- 1) Open the slideshow or the PDF file.
- 2) Click on a brain-teaser.
- 3) Think, share, and grow new dendrites!



**ACTIVATE CRITICAL
THINKING SKILLS
EVERY DAY!**



A variety of brain teasers, problems, logical thinking questions, and open-ended challenges are included!

Find three differences. 13

Click the eyeball button to check your answer.

Use the code. What's the secret word? 15

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Use the code to fill in the blanks: _ _ _ _ _

I am green.
I have a smile on my face.
My mouth is open.
My eyes are not closed.
Which Frankenstein am I?

I have a stem.
I do not have stripes.
I have circles on me.
I do not have a leaf.
Which pumpkin am I?

The solution is 10.
What is the problem?

After you share your thoughts and ideas, click the button below to go back to the home screen.

Which number doesn't belong? Why? 8

Click the button to check your answer.

I am not a girl ghost.
I am after Jack but before Ben.
What is my name? 2

Which candle should go in the last row? 10

I'm standing before the wizard.
I'm not holding a trick-or-treat bucket.
I am not a girl.
I am not wearing green.
Who am I? 5

What bat should go in the first row?

bat is to cave as spider is to _____

insects Halloween web

How many words can you make out of the letters in the words: SPIDER 22

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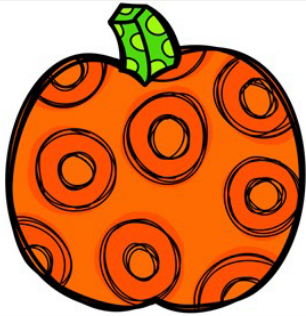
Which word doesn't belong? Why? 24

Click the button to check your answer.

SELF-CHECKING AND INTERACTIVE

Challenges include a clickable self-checking feature!

I have a stem.
I do not have stripes.
I have circles on me.
I do not have a leaf.
Which pumpkin am I?



A



B



C

Try again!

Click the picture below to go back to today's daily dendrite challenge.



You are correct!

Way to go! You used your brain power!
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Find three differences. 3!



Click the button to check your answers.



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Check your answers. How did you do?



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IDEAS FOR USE

- morning circle
- before dismissal
- before or after lunch
- as an “exit” challenge each day
- as a “wake-up” challenge each day
- centers
- computer time
- transitions
- a warm-up or exit for small groups



DO YOU WANT TO TRY IT OUT FIRST?

On the next page, try out THREE daily dendrite challenges for FREE using this clickable PDF preview file. Simply click on the pictures the arrows are pointing to. Are you ready to use your brain and grow some dendrites?! Head to the next page and let's get started!



As you learn, dendrites grow so that neurons in your brain can make connections. When you challenge your brain by thinking hard to solve a problem, you are growing dendrites!

OCTOBER FAMILY DENDRITE CHALLENGE

TRY ME! #1



1

Pumpkin Puzzler



2

Ghost Guessing



3

Which Witch?



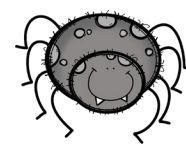
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Mummy Math



5

Trick or Treat



6

Spider's Story



7

Potion Problem



8

Bubble Trouble



9

Cat Comparing



10

Wizard's Words



11

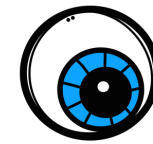
TRY ME! #17

Pumpkin Numbers



12

Trick or Treat Numbers



13

Eye Spy



14

Candy Corn



15

Candy Crazy



16

Brainy Bats



17

Haunted Houses



18

Candle Chaos



19

Point It Out



20

Analogy Frenzy



21

Dress Up Time



22

Web of Words



23

Zombie Mix-Up



24

Which Word?



25

Brainy Broom



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Shiny Analogy



27

Who? A?



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Bat's Brain Buster



29

Spooky Spells



30

Boo to You!



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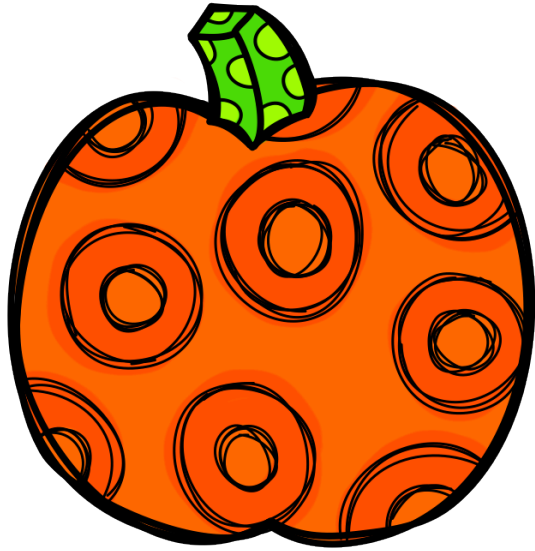
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Thinking is the new cool.

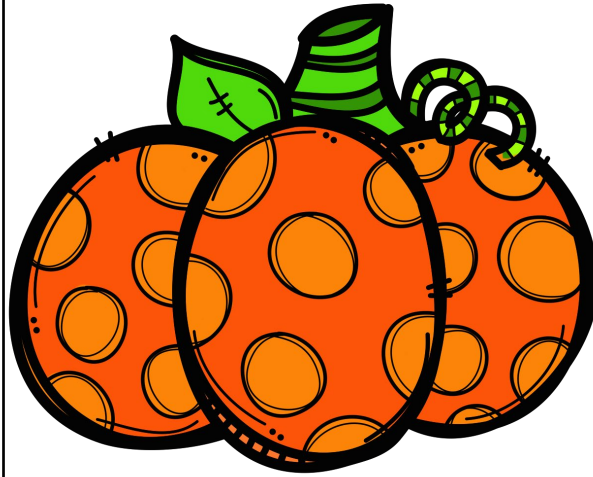


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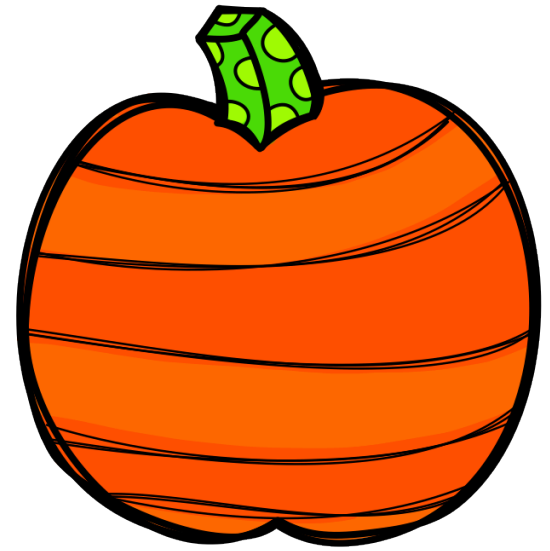
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A



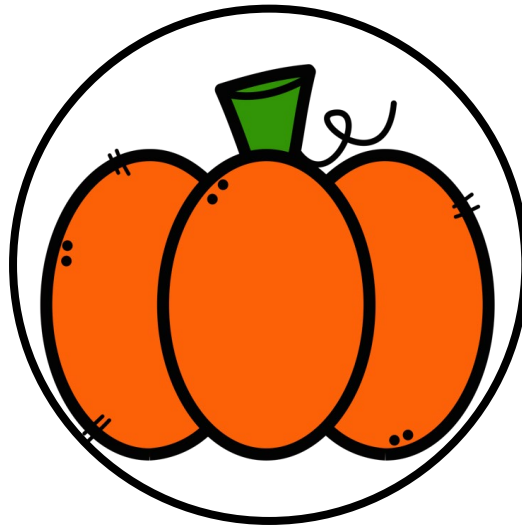
B



C

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My door is not rounded.

My house has spider webs on it.

There are boards on my house.

My house has seven minus four windows.

Which house am I?



A



B



C

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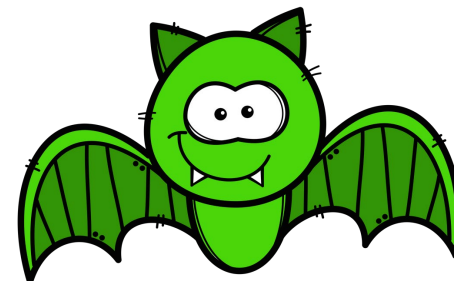
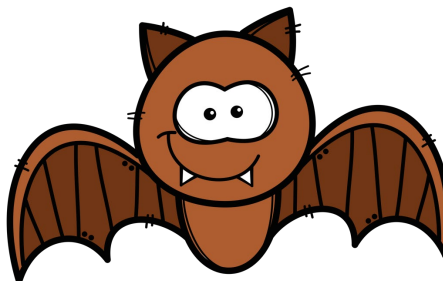
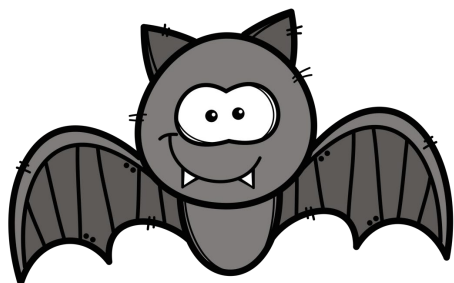
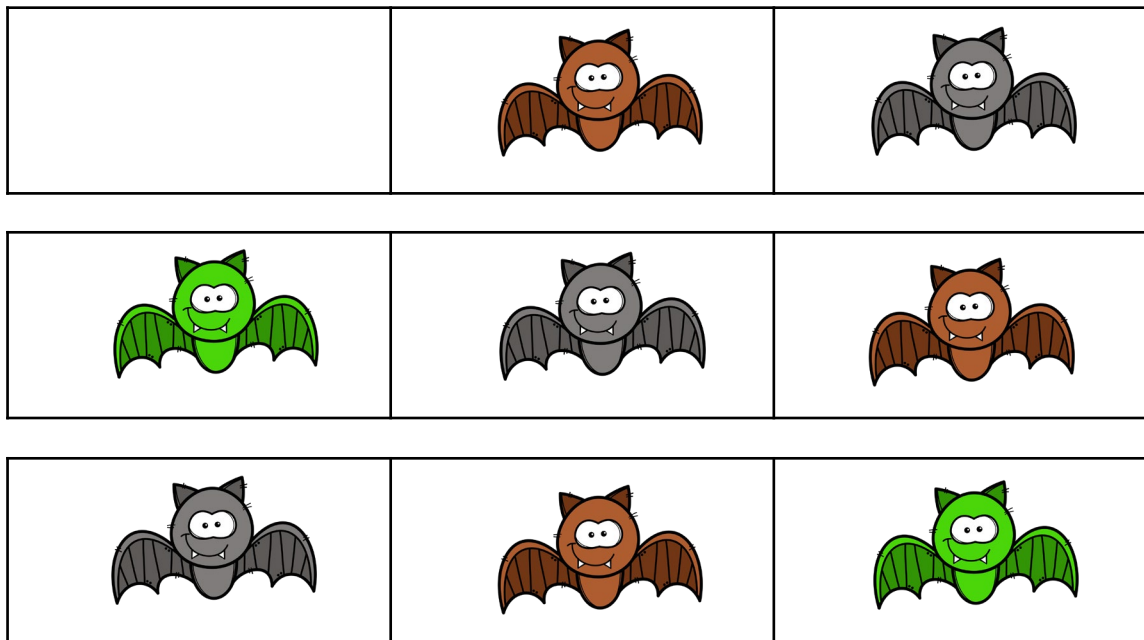


You are correct!

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What bat should go in the first row?



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You are correct!

The first row is missing a green bat.

Way to go! You used your brain power!

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ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

Thank you for choosing the Daily Dendrite Challenge! This is a fully digital and paperless resource for primary critical thinkers. Our students are not born with the ability to think critically. As educators, we must foster this type of thinking with the experiences, activities, discussions, and instruction we provide to our students. This resource was designed as a fun and engaging way for students to practice thinking creatively and critically. Furthermore, problem-solving, persistence, and an ability to see situations from different viewpoints are essential skills students need to develop.

The brain teasers provided in each month's Daily Dendrite Challenge vary from day to day. These teasers were created to help your students practice thinking critically, logically, creatively, and "out-of-the-box!" At times, you, as the educator, may need to provide assistance or facilitation in completing the brain teaser. You may also wish to provide a "think-aloud" to help students comprehend or work their way through the brain teaser. How much assistance you provide your students should be at your own discretion. The degree of assistance provided by the teacher may depend upon the grade level, classroom, students, goals, uses, time of the year, and individual needs.

Each month is designed around a theme, season, or holiday. In the future, additional Dendrite Challenges that are more general and not seasonal may be created by the author. However, at this time, the monthly resources are not editable or available for customization unless in the event of a technical error by the author. Thank you for your understanding. We hope you enjoy this critical thinking resource!

WHAT YOU NEED


To use the slideshow file, you will need a device that has Microsoft PowerPoint installed. The PDF file can also be used, as it contains clickable links. Sometimes, the text formatting can appear to be “off” when the slideshow file is used on a Mac. If this should happen, simply use the PDF file on your Mac device. The PDF file will work in the same way the slideshow does. As with all digital resources, you will want to ensure your computer and your Adobe is up-to-date.

Due to the digital nature of this resource, there is no worksheet or printable provided with this resource. If you wish to have your students show their work or thinking, I recommend having the students use individual whiteboards with a dry-erase marker. You could also have the students record their thinking into journals, notebooks, or on blank paper. An example of a brain teaser that you will want students to have workspace for is shown below. You can see that there could be multiple, open-ended answers for this brain teaser.

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