



Can your kid tell?

Ten puzzles for the walk between houses.

Read one aloud. Let them answer first, and no rush. Circle what they pick.

Wrong answers are the good part. Ask how they got there before you explain.

“Can’t tell” is a real answer when the clues don’t say. When it’s true, it’s right.

Sprout puzzles suit ages 4 to 5. **Sapling** puzzles suit 6 to 8. Try both.

Grown-ups: answer before your kid does. Most of us answer number 2 too fast.

1 Line Them Up

Sprout · 4 to 5

- 1 The orange pumpkin is bigger than the white pumpkin.
- 2 The white pumpkin is bigger than the green pumpkin.

Which pumpkin is smallest?

Orange White Green Can't tell

2 Line Them Up

Sapling · 6 to 8

- 1 Ava's bag has more candy than Ben's.
- 2 Cam's bag has less candy than Ava's.

Whose bag has the least?

Ava Ben Cam Can't tell

3 Which Is Bigger?

Sprout · 4 to 5

- 1 Ben has 3 candies in one hand and 2 in the other.
- 2 Mia has 4 candies in one hand and 1 in the other.

Who has more candy?

Ben Mia Same Can't tell

4 Enough Clues?

Sapling · 6 to 8

- 1 The ghost is two years older than the bat.
- 2 The bat is five.

How old is the ghost?

Clue 1 is enough Clue 2 is enough
I need both Can't tell, even with both

5 Which Is Bigger?

Sapling · 6 to 8

- 1 Jo visited more than 4 houses.
- 2 Sam visited 6 houses.

Who visited more houses?

Jo Sam Same Can't tell

6 Line Them Up

Sprout · 4 to 5

- 1 At the door, the witch is in front of the cat.
- 2 The ghost is behind the cat.

Who is first in line?

Witch Cat Ghost Can't tell

7 Enough Clues?

Sapling · 6 to 8

- 1 There are 4 pumpkins on each step, and there are 2 steps.
- 2 Some of the pumpkins have faces.

How many pumpkins are on the steps?

Clue 1 is enough Clue 2 is enough
I need both Can't tell, even with both

8 Which Is Bigger?

Sprout · 4 to 5

- 1 The owl has 2 acorns.
- 2 The cat has 2 acorns and then finds 1 more.

Who has more acorns?

Owl Cat Same Can't tell

9 Line Them Up

Sapling · 6 to 8

- 1 The ghost is older than the bat.
- 2 The cat is older than the bat.
- 3 The owl is older than the ghost.

Who is oldest?

Ghost Bat Cat Owl Can't tell

10 Enough Clues?

Sapling · 6 to 8

- 1 Ivy has more candy than Leo.
- 2 Leo has 3 candies.

How many candies does Ivy have?

Clue 1 is enough Clue 2 is enough
I need both Can't tell, even with both

Your turn.

Ask your kid to make up a puzzle where the answer is "Can't tell." Then tell us what they made, or what they said: @oaklingkids

ANSWERS

- 1 Green. Orange, then white, then green. Green is smallest.
- 2 Can't tell. Ben and Cam both have less than Ava, but nothing says which of them has less.
- 3 Same. Ben has 5 and Mia has 5. Different hands, same amount.
- 4 I need both. Clue 1 alone could be any age. With clue 2, the ghost is seven.
- 5 Can't tell. "More than 4" could be 5, 6 or 7. That could be fewer than Sam, and the cat. Either could be oldest.
- 6 Witch. Witch, then cat, then ghost. The witch is first.
- 7 Clue 1 is enough. Clue 1 tells you: 4 and 4 make 8. Clue 2 is true, but it doesn't help.
- 8 Cat. The owl has 2. The cat has 2 and 1 more, so 3. The cat has more.
- 9 Can't tell. The owl is older than the ghost, but nothing compares the owl
- 10 Can't tell, even with both. Even with both, Ivy could have 4, 5, 6 or more.

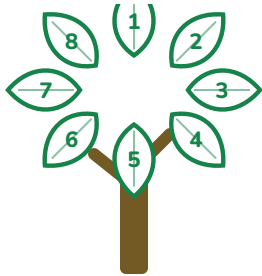
Mission map.

Eight missions for Halloween night. Do them together, in any order.

Stay with your grown-up, on the sidewalk.

Finish one, color its leaf.

All eight? They pick the reward.



Back home. Color a leaf for each mission.

8 You noticed

Sprout

Tell your grown-up one thing you noticed tonight that they didn't.

7 Make a ten

Sapling

Put your candy in groups of ten. How many tens? How many left over?

5 Can't tell yet

Sprout

Find something you can't be sure about from where you stand. Say why.

6 Guess first

Sapling

Before you open your bag: more chocolate, or more not-chocolate? Sort it and see.

4 Line them up

Sapling

Pick three decorations. Put them in order, biggest to smallest.

3 Which side?

Sapling

Count the jack-o'-lanterns on each side of the street. Which side has more?

1 Two pumpkins

Sprout

Find two pumpkins. Which is bigger? Or can't you tell from here?

2 Shape hunt

Sprout

Find a circle, a triangle and a square on one house.



Start: out the door

Reward, picked by: _____ The reward: _____