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The mermaid woke up early. “Oh no, it’s Halloween and I’ve forgotten to buy a pumpkin!” she said to herself. She really wanted a pumpkin. There weren’t many shops near where the mermaid lived so she went to find her friends, to see if they had a spare pumpkin.



The first person that she saw was her friend, the camel. “Do you have a spare pumpkin?” asked the mermaid. “I’m really sorry but I don’t. Maybe my friend who is eating his dinner over there might have some pumpkin,” said the camel.



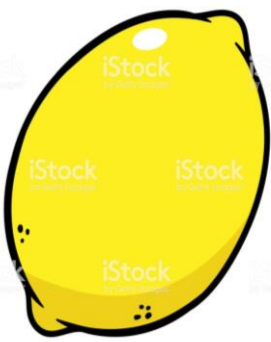
Then, the **mermaid** went to see the **camel's** friend, who was eating his dinner. The **mermaid** asked him if he had a spare **pumpkin**. "I did have some **pumpkin** earlier but I ate it all. It was really **yummy!**" said the man. "Never mind, said the **mermaid.**" "Maybe my friend with the poorly **tummy** might have some **pumpkin,**" said the man.



The **mermaid** then went to see the lady with the poorly **tummy**. "Have you got a spare **pumpkin?**" asked the **mermaid**. "Sorry, I had some **pumpkin** earlier but it made my **tummy** feel really **funny!**" said the lady. "Oh no, I hope your **tummy** feels better soon!" said the **mermaid**.



The next person that the **mermaid** saw was a man selling **lemons** and **tomatoes**. “Do you sell **pumpkins**?” asked the **mermaid**. “I do but I only have one left!” said the man. “That’s great, I’ll have that one. Thank you!” said the **mermaid** and she took the **pumpkin** home.



When the **mermaid** got home, she carved a face in the **pumpkin**. It was a very smiley face and the **pumpkin** looked very happy.



“I’m so pleased that I finally managed to get a **pumpkin!**” she said to herself. That night, the **mermaid** saw lots of trick or treaters and gave them lots of sweets.



Soon, it was time for the **mermaid** to go to bed. “What a lovely day I’ve had. I need to remember to order my **pumpkin** much earlier next Halloween!” thought the **mermaid**. Then, she fell straight to sleep.



The end.

