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Midnight Mystery Answer Key

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| 1. moonlight | 6. ghost |
| 2. haunted | 7. candy |
| 3. costume | 8. broomstick |
| 4. bat | 9. pumpkin |
| 5. shadow | 10. witch |

Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Strengthens **context clue** skills and **vocabulary recall** through themed cloze reading. Helps learners connect meaning, syntax, and imagery.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
 - Provide the first letter of each missing word as a scaffold for struggling readers.
 - For higher-level students, remove the word bank and have them infer words independently.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
 - Read the passage aloud dramatically, letting students shout the missing words.
 - Use small props (a mini pumpkin, witch hat, flashlight) for a fun interactive version.
- **Extension Ideas:**
 - Have students write their own short "Cryptic Cloze" paragraph using Halloween vocabulary.
 - Encourage them to illustrate one sentence from the completed story for a class display.