



10 PUMPKIN MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES



PING PONG PUMPKIN

Items needed:

A large pumpkin, open at the top and cleaned out or a plastic pumpkin
Ping-pong balls

Directions:

Choose one player for this game. Have the player stand five or six feet from the pumpkin, and have an adult standing by with a bucket of ping-pong balls. The object of the game is to bounce five ping-pong balls into the top of the pumpkin. If the player can get five balls into the top of the pumpkin in 60 seconds or less, they win.

Variation:

For younger kids, change the number of balls needed to win from five to three.

FEED THE PUMPKIN

Items needed:

A carved jack-o-lantern with two big eyes and a big mouth

Small wrapped Halloween candy

A stool or small table

Directions:

Set the jack-o-lantern on the stool. Choose one player for this game, and have them stand eight feet from the pumpkin. The goal of this game is to toss one piece of candy through each of the eyes and the mouth of the jack-o-lantern. If the player can get one piece of candy to go through each hole before one minute elapses, they win a prize.

Variation:

For younger kids, you can have them try to get three pieces through the mouth only.

PUMPKIN STACKER

Items needed:

Five small pumpkins with no stems

Directions:

Choose one player for this game. The player must stack all five of the pumpkins one on top of the other into a tower. They have 60 seconds to successfully stack up the tower, and the tower must stand for at least five seconds.

Variation:

Instead of little pumpkins, use BIG ones for the older kids.

PUMPKIN ROLL

Items needed:

Five small pumpkins
A large garbage can or box

Directions:

Set the garbage can/ box on its side. Choose one player for this game. The player has 60 seconds to roll all five pumpkins across the floor into the can/box. If they can get all the pumpkins into the can before time runs out, they win.

Variation:

You can vary the size of the pumpkins and the distance from the target based on the age of the kids.

PUMPKIN SHAKE

Items needed:

Two plastic trick-or-treat pumpkins full of candy

Directions:

Choose one player, and have them hold the two buckets of candy, one in each hand. The player will have 60 seconds to shake all the candy out of both pumpkins, but they have to keep a bucket in each hand, they can't set one down. If they can empty the two buckets before time runs out, they win a prize.

Variation:

For younger kids, use less candy or only one pumpkin.

BIG CANDY DROP

Items needed:

A pumpkin trick-or-treat bucket
Full-size or king-size candy bars
A step stool or chair

Directions:

Choose one player and have them stand on the stool. Set the bucket in front of the stool. The player has 60 seconds to drop five full-size candy bars into the bucket. If they can get five into the bucket before time runs out, they win a prize.

Variation:

Use smaller candies for younger kids.

EEEEWWWWWWW!

Items needed:

A medium sized pumpkin, cut open
A smock
A large spoon (optional)

Directions:

Choose one player for this game. The object is simple: empty the pumpkin before time runs out. Clean all the pumpkin guts out of the pumpkin in sixty seconds, and you win a prize. To keep things simple and unambiguous, the pumpkin must be clear of all SEEDS but not necessarily all the stringy, gunky mess.

Variation:

Make this a two-person race and get 2 pumpkins and see who can finish first.

PUMPKIN SWING

Items needed:

Rope
A small pumpkin
Three plastic pumpkin buckets
Stools or orange cones

Directions:

Set the pumpkin buckets on the stools/cones in a circle.

Choose one player. Tie one end of the rope to the pumpkin, and tie the other end to the player's belt. The player must swing the pumpkin by spinning their body around and knock off all three pumpkin buckets before 60 seconds runs out in order to win.

Variation:

Add more plastic pumpkin targets for big kids, or just to make it harder.

REBUILDING PUMPKINS

Items needed:

A carved Jack-O-Lantern
All the missing pieces (cut out mouth, eyes, nose, top, etc) cut into smaller pieces.

Directions:

Choose one player for this game. The object of this challenge is to reassemble the pumpkin by filling the eyes, nose, and mouth holes with the pieces removed. Cut these pieces a few times to make it harder, more like a puzzle that has to be solved. If the player can reassemble the pumpkin in 60 seconds or less, they win.

Variation:

Make this a two-player game to make it easier.

PUMPKIN STROLL

Items needed:

A round table

A plastic pumpkin

Directions:

Choose one player for this game. To win, the player must walk around the table one time with the pumpkin on their head before 60 seconds ticks off the clock. That's it. If the pumpkin falls, they may catch it and put it back, but their lap starts over from that part of the table. If time runs out and they haven't made one lap, game over

Notes:

Use a plastic pumpkin with candy inside for older kids.