

Monster Match-Up (icebreaker and team-maker)

Most of us have played a version of this game at one point or another, at some team-building seminar or drama class. Personally, I have never used it at my party (my friends would get mad at me if I made them play this) but I could see how other people might enjoy it. It would be effective to mix up your groups and get people talking to guests they don't know.

You will need slips of paper and a pen to prepare the slips before your guests arrive.

Game Play

1. Make a list of Halloween categories or themes for your team names (for example, Dracula, Werewolf, the Mummy, etc). Let your guests know the names of the teams.
2. Write down a list of words associated with each theme (for Werewolf, it might have the words silver bullet, full moon, howling, and fur. For Dracula you might have Bat, blood, fangs, Transylvania). The amount of guests you have, and the size of your teams, will affect how many pieces of paper you need.
3. Write each of the words on separate pieces of paper and place them in a container.
4. Have guests pick one piece of paper each. Their job is to find people with words that match their theme. They are then in the same group. This can be the aim of the game, or you can now lead them into a second game using the teams you have created.