



THE
**PUMPKIN
PATCH**

An Unofficial Minecraft Book

One of the crops that grew well on Zom's farm was pumpkins. Late at night, he walked through the patch with torches lighting the way between the trees. He gave each pumpkin his full **attention**, making sure it got the **nutrition** it needed. He also kept watch for pests lurking in the shadows.





Zom's plans had not always worked out, but he felt good about this one. The first step was to grow big pumpkins that would taste **delicious**. Check! The next step would be to harvest the pumpkins and turn them into pumpkin cakes!

Oh no! When Zom woke up this morning, one of the pumpkins was missing. It can't have been little pests. They would have only made holes in the pumpkin. This must be an **especially** big pest indeed. It must have plucked the pumpkin right off the vine and run away with it.





Skel comes out to take a look. He checks the area for any **suspicious** clues that the animal may have left behind. Both Skel and Bones are great trackers. They do not find a single footprint or scrap of fur. How mysterious.

When Zom goes out to the patch the next day, two more pumpkins are missing. His **frustration** grows because he can't understand it. There are still no signs of the beast that must have come and stolen them. His **suspicion** is that it must be a very sneaky animal.





Zom has a chat to Skel about his **options**. Skel thinks that it would be a good idea to stake out the pumpkin patch. Zom can stay up all night hidden in the garden so that he can catch the pumpkin thief!

Zom had the **ambition** to stay up all night and keep watch over his pumpkins. However, he started to fade after a couple of hours. Not a lot was happening in the patch, and Zom found it hard to keep his eyes open.





When Zom woke up from his nap in the pumpkin patch, he found that only one of his pumpkins remained. Had the rest of them sprouted legs and run away? He was sure that any **commotion** from an animal scratching about would have woken him up right away.

Zom and Skel guarded the pumpkin together at all times. Zom had put in so much effort, and his **determination** would not waver. He was set on getting at least one pumpkin out of this crop. That way they could use its seeds and start again.





One night, the pumpkin started spinning in the dirt, causing quite a **commotion**. Zom and Skel could not believe their eyes. Was there an animal under the ground stealing their pumpkins? Would the pumpkin get sucked down into the earth?

The pumpkin popped up out of the earth! It had legs, arms and a spooky head. He gave them a friendly **introduction**. 'My name is Jack,' he said. Did the other pumpkins do the same thing as this one? Did they sprout legs and run off into the night?





Jack loved the farm so much that he wanted to stay on. Zom and Skel showed him so much **affection**. There were no pumpkin cakes, but there was a new pal. They set Jack up with his own room in the house. But Zom still had one **question**. Where had all the other pumpkins gone?



The Pumpkin Patch

Zom's pumpkins are the biggest, plumpest crop he's ever grown, and he's already dreaming of the delicious cakes he'll bake. But when one pumpkin vanishes overnight without a single footprint left behind, his suspicion grows. Who - or what - is sneaking through the patch after dark? Can Zom and Skel stake out the garden and catch the mysterious thief before every last pumpkin disappears? This decodable reader practices ci/si/ti making /sh/ in words such as 'attention,'

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affection, ambition, attention, commotion, delicious, determination, especially, frustration, introduction, nutrition, options, question, suspicion, suspicious

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