



**Stephen:** OK, just the mouth to go and there we go. Wow! What do you think? Looks like Ashlie.

**Ashlie:** Stephen, can you give me a hand here, please?

**Stephen:** It's Halloween this weekend and we're getting ready for a big party.

**Ashlie:** We'll be dressing up and having fun with all the Halloween traditions.

**Stephen:** And that means we've got lots of work to do, starting with these apples and pumpkins.

**Ashlie:** Yes but before that we need get our costumes. Nice pumpkin, by the way. Looks just like you! Come on then, let's get going.

**Ashlie:** So, come on then, Stephen, let's take a look at you.

**Stephen:** Well, what do you think? I've always fancied myself as a bit of a magician.

**Ashlie:** Very nice. But I think it'll take a little more than a costume to turn you into a wizard!

**Stephen:** Yeah, I've been thinking about that. They actually sell magic tricks here. I reckon I should learn a few. You know, to help with the character.

**Ashlie:** I think it may be a little harder than you think. Magic takes a lot of practice.

**Stephen:** I'm a natural. Come on, let's have a look and see what they've got. Hmm. And I'll need a wand of course.

**Ashlie:** Err, are you sure you have enough there?

**Stephen:** I think so. Look, I've got my wand! What's that?

**Ashlie:** So, do you think he'll be able to do any of these tricks?

**Man:** Well, it does require a lot of practice. And of course you also have to read the instructions very carefully.

**Ashlie:** Oh dear.

**Man:** It takes a lifetime to be good magician.

**Ashlie:** Hear that, Stephen?

**Stephen:** What?

**Ashlie:** It takes a lifetime to become a magician.

**Stephen:** Oh, I don't need to be a full magician. I'm a trainee. I'll be on to the big stuff in no time: catching a bullet, sawing a lady in half, disappearing lady. That reminds me, I may need an assistant.

**Ashlie:** Don't even think about it! Come on, we need to get home so we can start preparing for the party.

**Stephen:** And I need to start practicing. Hazam Falam, take me home!

**Ashlie:** Err, OK. Maybe we'll get the bus.

**Stephen:** Put the lid on. Abracadabra, ta-da! Ash, I think this trick might be broken. Nothing's happening

**Ashlie:** Are you sure you're reading the instructions properly?

**Stephen:** Maybe my wand's broken.

**Ashlie:** OK, well you can't spend all afternoon on this. We have work to do. We have a party tonight.

**Stephen:** OK, just give me ten more minutes. I need to make this work.

**Ashlie:** OK. What's this? Oh, well that was easy.

**Stephen:** Yeah, dead easy.

**Ashlie:** OK. Ten more minutes. I'm going to start on the food.

**Ashlie:** Stephen, I said ten minutes. You need to come and help now.

**Stephen:** What?

**Ashlie:** Oh, Stephen!