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The Widow's Broom

Directions: On the lines below, write words that can be used to turn two simple sentences into a compound sentence. Then, read the sets of sentences below and change them to compound sentences.

1. Chris Van Allsburg is the author of *The Widow's Broom*. He is the author of *Jumanji* and *The Polar Express* too!

2. Most brooms lose power slowly. Sometimes brooms lose power suddenly.

3. Minna Shaw thought the broom left by the witch had lost its power. She began using it around the house.

4. Minna Shaw put the broom in her closet to get some peace. The broom knocked on the door until she let it out.

5. Mr. Spivey saw the magic broom. He said, "This is the devil."

6. The broom did not put up with the Spivey boys. It did not put up with the Spivey's dog.

7. Did Mr. Spivey burn the magic broom? Did Minna Shaw trick him into taking an ordinary broom?

8. The broom came back to haunt the Spiveys. They wanted to destroy it.

9. The Spivey's thought the broom came back as a ghost. Minna Shaw painted it white.

10. The broom did not spook Minna Shaw. She enjoyed its company.