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The Widow's Broom Quiz



1. How can you tell the difference between a young and an old broom?

A young broom has burst of energy that can carry a witch quickly into the sky. It can outrace hawks.

An old broom has it's strength slowly leaving. It needs longer running starts to takeoff. The speed is no longer there and flying geese are faster than the broom.

2. How does Minna Shaw feel about witches?

She fears the witches. She knows that they have unusual powers.

3. How did the flying witch find the witch at Minna Shaw's house?

The witch used a red hot coal and made a fire using leaves and twigs. She then dropped a strand of her hair into the flame. The fire then burned with a blue light.

4. List four chores the broom could do:

Bring the cow in from the pasture

Chop wood

Feed the chicken

Fetch water

5. What would the broom do when all the chores were finished around Minna's house?

The broom would hop down to the road that is between Minna Shaw's and Spivey's farm. The broom would just amuse itself there.

6. Complete the cause and effect relationship below:

Two of the Spivey boys and their dog called the broom names. They also tapped the broom's handle with sticks. They kept bothering the broom.



The broom knocked the Spivey boys to the ground.

7. How did Minna Shaw trick the neighbors?

Minna Shaw told the neighbors that the broom was in the closet asleep. However, it was her old broom and not the Witch's broom. The neighbors believed her and took the broom to burn it.

8. Why did the Spivey family leave town?

The Spivey family left town because the witch broom was circling his house with an axe and tapping at the door lightly. The broom was all in white as if it's a ghost. This frightened the Spivey family.