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## The Widow's Broom

**Directions:** In the story *The Widow's Broom*, the broom left at the widow's house has special powers. Write a story about a broom left at your house by a witch. Explain all of its magical powers and what happens when your neighbors and friends find out about it. Use the graphic organizer first, then edit your work using the checklist and write your final copy.

## **CHECKLIST**

- ☐ All sentences start with a capital letter
- □ All sentences end with punctuation (.!?)
- □ Commas (,) were used for lists, and with transitional phrases when needed A hat, a scarf, shoes, and a bag.

  For example, playing in the snow.
- □ 3 transitional phrases

So Because In conclusion In fact
Therefore For example But Next
In addition First Too

- ☐ If a person is speaking use quotation marks!

  Michelle was frightened. She yelled out, "Please, help me!"
- ☐ Do not forget your noun verb agreement!

Past	Present	Future
I was	I am	I will
They were	They are	They will
He/She was	He/She is	He/She will
We were	We are	We will
It was	It is	It will
The dog was	The dog is	The dog will
The dogs were	The dogs were	The dogs will

## Graphic Organizer

1. First

I found a broom Stick at my front door.

2. Second

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I rode on the broom stick and flew.

3. Then

Neighbors thought I was a witch because I was flying.

4. Next

My friends thought I can do magic and get ice cream for us.

5. After

My friends learned that I do not have magic and that it is the broom. I let my friends ride on the broom.

6. Finally

We had our broomstick flying show and no longer thought I was a witch.

## A Magical Ride

One day, a funny thing happened. First, I found a broomstick at my front door. But this wasn't just any broomstick—it belonged to a real, live witch! I decided to keep the broomstick and see what magical adventures it could bring.

As soon as I hopped on the broomstick, something incredible happened. It started to fly! I zoomed through the sky and felt the wind in my hair.

Whooosh! It was the most amazing feeling ever. I could see my house getting smaller as I flew higher and higher. What a magical experience!

Then, my friends and neighbors noticed something strange. They saw
me riding on the broomstick and thought I had turned into a real witch. They
couldn't believe their eyes!

Next, my friend Josh shouted, "Hey, Emily, why didn't you tell us you had magical powers? Can you cast a spell to give us all ice cream?"

I giggled and said, "I'm not really a witch, guys! I just found this broomstick at my house. It belongs to a friendly witch who left it here by accident."

"But how did it make you fly?" asked Sarah, with wide eyes.

I explained, "You see, this broomstick is a special broomstick. It's enchanted,

which means it has special magic in it. It made me fly, but only when I'm on it."

After explaining to them, they wanted to try it. So, the next thing to do was let my friends ride on the broomstick. We even made up funny broomstick flying tricks like 'The Wibbly Wobble' and 'The Loop-de-Loop'.

But soon, we faced a small problem. Some people in the town started to get scared of us, thinking we were real witches. They complained to our parents and said we were causing trouble.

To solve this problem, we decided to have a broomstick flying show and invite in town to watch our performance.

On the day of the show, we finally performed our wildest broomstick tricks.

The whole town watched in amazement and realized that we were just kids having a good time.

After the show, my neighbor, Mrs. Johnson, came up to me and said, "Emily, I must admit, I was a bit worried before, but your broomstick flying show was fantastic! You really made me change my mind.

From that day on, my friends and I continued to have magical adventures on the broomstick. And whenever someone saw us flying, they would smile and wave instead of getting scared.