

**The Widow's Broom**  
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**Directions:**

Use what you know about **The Widow's Broom** to answer each of the following questions.

1. What can you infer about Minna when she helps the witch who landed in her garden?

- A Minna is afraid of witches and magic.
- B She is a kind, compassionate, and brave person.
- C Minna's garden is important to her.
- D Minna is a person who doesn't mind doing chores.

2. Mr. Spivey was not accepting of the broom because it was different from what he expected broom to be. What does Mr. Spivey say about the broom?

- A He says it is dangerous and evil.
- B He says he doesn't want to get to know the broom.
- C He tells the neighbors to tease the broom.
- D He tells Minna the broom should start doing more chores.

3. Which best describes the broom?

- A It is a helpful and good companion for Minna.
- B It was very patient and didn't want to cause trouble.
- C It is a hard worker, a fast learner, and a good friend.
- D All of the above.

4. What does Mr. Spivey mean when he uses the phrase, "We'll all be sorry if...?"

- A They will all have to apologize to the broom.
- B Something bad will happen and they will feel regret.
- C You never know what is going to happen.
- D They will all have to help the broom.

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5. Which of these events happened first in **The Widow's Broom**? (RL.4.5)

- A Minna taught the broom to do chores.
- B The Spivey boys teased the broom.
- C Minna found the broom sweeping.
- D Mr. Spivey got upset about the broom.

6. Mr. Spivey had strong feelings about the broom. From his point of view, why was the broom dangerous? (RL.4.6)

- A The broom was magic and magic can be scary.
- B The broom worked hard and Minna could become lazy.
- C The broom could take over Minna's farmhouse.
- D The broom was helpful and could do many chores.

7. How do the illustrations support the text of the story? (RL.4.7)

- A They show how much the broom misses the witch.
- B They show how dangerous the broom can be.
- C They show the emotions of the characters.
- D The illustrations do not support the text of the story.

8. Which of these messages is presented in the story? (RL.4.9)

- A You don't have to fear something just because it's different from what you expect.
- B Chores build character.
- C A good friend can make everything better.
- D Being lonely can be good for you.

9. What is the genre of this story? (RL.4.10)

- A Realistic Fiction
- B Biography
- C Fantasy
- D Nonfiction

Answer Key

