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tiny and little



3. Do you think that someone could get all of these ingredients? Why?

Accept 'no', with any sensible justification linked to the fact that many of them do not exist, e.g. No - because snakes do not have eyebrows so you would not be able to get them.



4. How many chicken's toenails do you need for the recipe?

twenty



The Pendle Witches

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17 witches existed if strange things happened. In
25 Lancaster, a lady called Alison was walking along
34 a path when she saw a shopkeeper called John
44 Law. She asked him if she could buy some pins
54 but she did not have much money. Pins were very
64 expensive and John did not want to give them to
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82 over. People believed that Alison had put a spell
92 on John because she was upset that she could not
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Accept any sensible justification linked to the fact that John fell over straight after saying no to her, e.g. People might think that Alison was a witch because John was poorly straight away after not giving her the pins.



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Lancaster

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

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16 wrinkled, little woman in front of her.

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25 Dorothy.

37 “No but I am their friend. I am the Witch of the
38 North.”

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48 real witch?”

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67 a good witch and the people love me. I am not
76 as powerful as the Wicked Witch was who ruled
77 here.”

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97 frightened at facing a real witch.

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1. Why do you think Dorothy screamed when she first saw the woman?



2. ‘*That is a great mistake.*’ What does ‘mistake’ mean in this sentence?



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Answers

1. Why do you think Dorothy screamed when she first saw the woman?

Accept any sensible inference linked to the text, e.g. I think that she screamed because she'd never seen a real witch before and it shocked her.



2. ‘That is a great mistake.’ What does ‘mistake’ mean in this sentence?

Accept any answer which states that mistake means something which is wrong.



3. How many witches are there in the whole Land of Oz?

four



4. What might Dorothy and the witch do next?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, e.g. I think that Dorothy and the witch will be friends and go on an adventure together.





Trick or Treat

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19 were getting ready to knock on the doors of the
29 houses on their street. Eva, the younger of the two
38 sisters, wore a tall, purple hat with a matching
47 dress. She had saved her green and white stripy
56 tights all year for this special event and thought
64 they looked wonderful next to her round, orange
69 bucket shaped like a pumpkin.
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89 loud knock on the front door. "Who could it be?"
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3. What is the 'special event' that Eva had saved her stripy tights for?
Eva had saved her tights all year to go trick or treating dressed as a witch on Halloween.



4. Who do you think is at the door?
Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, e.g. I think that other children who are trick or treating knocked on their door for some sweets.