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The Widow's Broom - II

Before the Book:

1. **Partner Talk-** turn to your partner and discuss: What is a **widow** and how do you know?

2. end of page 2 – What is a cloak? _____ How do you know?

3. What can you infer about the power of witches?

4. What does it mean? **“draw the curtains”**

- a. close them
- b. create a picture of what they look like
- c. open the curtains

5. **Partner talk:** Why would the witch want the *curtains drawn*?

6. ____ What do Minna Shaw's actions tell you about her?

- a. She is slow.
- b. She is kind.
- c. She is tired.
- d. She is old.

6 ½ - **Partner Talk:** If you found an injured witch in your garden, what would you do? _____

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7. Why did the witch build the fire? _____

8. **Partner talk:** What do you think the witches discussed? How do you know?

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9. ____ How did Minna **feel** when she saw the broom sweeping?

a) anxious c) startled

b) happy d) frustrated

10. How do you know? _____

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11. **Why** isn't Minna afraid of the broom? _____

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12. _____ How many Spivey children are there? A) 5

B) 6

C) 7

D) 8

13. What do you think will happen next? _____

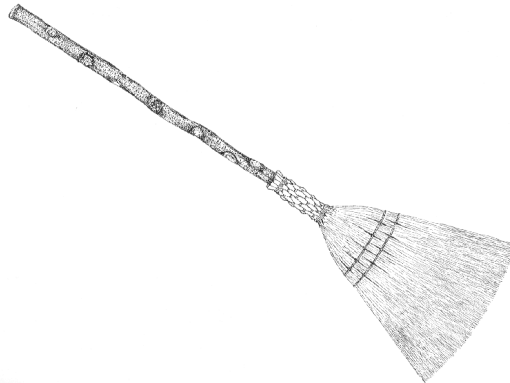
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14. **Partner Talk:** How did the author give the broom personality?

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15. Does the dog in the picture look familiar? _____ Explain.

16. What do you know about the Spivey boys? _____



17. Circle the bristles.

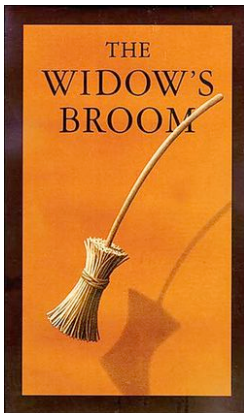
17. **partner talk:** “Not there for long” means what will happen?

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18. **Partner talk:** What do the men intend to do? What can you infer about the Spiveys? _____

How do you know? _____

19. Why did the men hope the widow was right?



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20. What does **slumbering** mean? A) shaking

B) sweeping

C) broken

D) sleeping

21. Why was the dog hungry? _____

22. **Partner talk:** Because they don't understand the broom, the Spiveys fear it. Sometimes this happens between people. Can you think of a situation where people fear someone or something they don't understand? Explain it to your partner. Discuss.

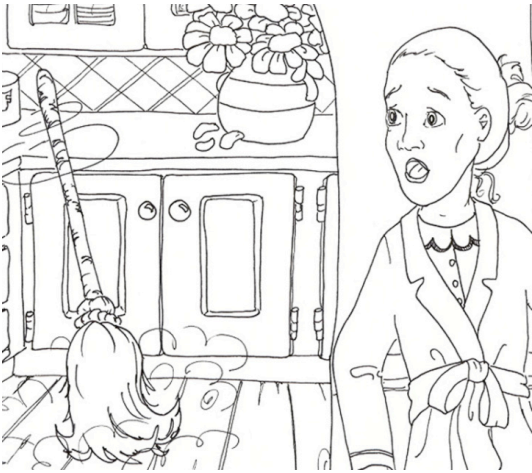
23. Why did Minna Shaw tell her neighbors she saw the ghost of the broom?

24. Why is the broom tapping on the Spivey's door each night?

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25. show pictures – What do you think will happen? _____

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26. Why are the Spiveys doing this? _____

27. Many people are afraid of the broom. Why do you think Minna Shaw isn't? _____

28. Why did Minna Shaw do what she did to the broom? _____

29. Why did Minna say to the men, "If you move it carefully, it will not wake up."? _____

30. **How** did Minna trick the villagers? _____

31. How did the **illustrations** affect the mood of the story? _____

32. **Partner talk:** What fairy tale ingredients does this story include?

33. Could this story have been told with pictures alone? _____ Why or why not? _____