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After months of misery, the girl stumbled across a grey cat in the bleak woods. "How can I escape the witch?" she asked the cat. He gave her two items.

"Throw this handkerchief on the ground and run as fast as you can," he said. "Wherever it touches the ground, a deep, broad river will appear. If the witch manages to get across it, throw this comb behind you and run for your life. Wherever the comb falls, a dense forest will grow and trap the witch forever."



Quick Questions



1. Which two objects did the cat give to the girl?

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2. Find and copy two adjectives which describe the Witch's woods.

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3. Why do you think that the girl experienced 'months of misery'?

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Answers



1. Which two objects did the cat give to the girl?
Accept: '(a) handkerchief' and '(a) comb' only.



2. Find and copy two adjectives which describe the Witch's woods.
Accept two of the following: great, gloomy, bleak.



3. Why do you think that the girl experienced 'months of misery'?
Accept answers which discuss that she was living in an unpleasant wood, that the wicked witch was horrible to her or that she missed home.



4. What do you think the girl did next?
Accept any reasonable prediction based on the items given to her by the cat and her desire to escape, such as 'I think she ran through the woods and tried to escape'.