

Rainbow Readers

Title: The Baba Yaga: A Russian Folktale

Word Study

Fill in the blanks using the words.

dense	looms	gnawed	oiled	kettle
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1. People used looms to make materials they could turn into the clothing.
2. It is hard to see very far in the woods because the trees are so dense.
3. She put the kettle on the stove to heat up some water for her tea.
4. I gave the dog a bone, and she happily gnawed on it.
5. With machines, it is important to keep the moving parts oiled.

Reading Comprehension

A. Circle T for true or F for false.

1. The girl's father knew she was being sent to the Baba Yaga's house. T / F
2. The girl didn't know her auntie was a Baba Yaga. T / F
3. The girl asked the housekeeper to help her. T / F
4. The cat ran away with the girl. T / F
5. The Baba Yaga was not nice to her helper and pets. T / F

B. Circle the correct word.

1. The daughter was going to her auntie's to (**weave** / loom) material for a dress.
2. The girl's grandmother (wrote / **whispered**) instructions to her granddaughter.
3. The door (**hinges** / creaks) at the auntie's house needed oil.
4. The housekeeper thanked the girl for the (**hat** / bath).
5. The Baba Yaga (**sharpened** / gnawed) her teeth.

C. Choose the best answer.

1. Where did the girl go on her way to the Baba Yaga's house?

- a. Her auntie's house
- b. Her grandmother's house
- c. The store
- d. The loom

2. What did the girl ask the housekeeper to do?

- a. Help her escape
- b. Make her a bath
- c. Wet the firewood
- d. Bring her some milk

3. How did the cat help her?

- a. He told her how to escape.
- b. He left the door unlocked.
- c. He gave the dogs food.
- d. He weaved her a dress.

4. What did the girl use the towel for?

- a. To take a bath
- b. To make a river
- c. To hide from the witch
- d. To trick the housekeeper

5. How did the witch cross the river?

- a. She swam across.
- b. She rode in a kettle.
- c. She flew across.
- d. She had cattle drink it.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words.

ribbon	weave	witch	bath	comb
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There was a girl with an evil stepmother. One day, the stepmother sent the girl to her auntie's house to weave material. But the auntie was a witch who ate children. So the girl asked her grandmother for help. The grandmother gave the girl milk, bones, oil, and a ribbon. She told the girl how to use them. When the girl arrived, the witch let her in to work on the loom. The witch went outside to have her servant heat some water for the girl's bath. She planned to eat the girl for breakfast. The girl used the things her grandmother had given her. For example, she gave the cat milk. So the cat told her how to get away. The girl ran away. She took the towel and the comb that the cat had given her. She got home and told her dad what her stepmother had done.