

The Witches Questions

1. What are the characteristics of a witch according to the grandma?
2. What is the one thing all witches want to do
3. How are the witches going to get rid of the children of England?
4. What country is the grandmother from?
5. What country is the boy from?
6. What do witches think children smell like?
7. Why does the Grand High Witch include an alarm clock in the delayed action mouse maker potion?
8. Why is a piece of a telescope included?
9. How did the witches become wealthy?
10. Why does the Grand High Witch tell all the England witches to quit their jobs?
11. The witches of England are going to buy what kind of store?
12. What country is the Grand High Witches castle in?

13. How is the mouse-boy going to stop the witches?

Questions to make you think:

1. Why do witches hate children so much anyway? What have children ever done to them?

2. How would you have tricked the witches? Which of their weaknesses would you have played on? Could you come up with a plan better than the narrator's?

3. Grandmamma sure is chatty when it comes to witch-related information. What would have happened if she had never told our narrator all about witches?

4. Other than his starring role in a Roald Dahl book, what do you admire most about the narrator? Why?

5. What is Grandmamma's back-story? How did she lose her thumb? What was her childhood like? Imagine it all.

6. According to the author, all witches are women. According to many readers, this is insulting. Based on the rest of the book, do you agree?

7. How would you have illustrated this book? Draw a picture of The Grand High Witch and see how it stacks up to Quentin Blake's illustration.

8. Wait a second, weren't witches children themselves once? How does that work? Do witches hate witch children, too? This is a curious matter.