

'The Worst Witch' Comprehension

Use the text to help you answer the questions below.

💡 If you see a light bulb next to the question, you will need to think about your own thoughts or opinions, based on what you have read.

1. Why does the school look more like a prison than a school?

It had gloomy grey walls and turrets

2. What makes the school difficult to see at all?

The mist hid most of it from view

3. What provides the 'touches of colour' to the girls' uniform?

The sashes that they wore for the different houses they were in.

4. Why is the word 'any' in 'anything' (p.2) in italics?

To emphasise that fact that the students couldn't do anything without being told off.

5. What things does Mildred do that annoy the teachers?

Her hat would be on back-to-front or her bootlaces would be trailing on the floor.

💡 6. Why do you think Mildred's friends keep their distance in the potions laboratory?

Appropriate answers, e.g. Mildred seems a bit clumsy and disorganised so her friends are probably worried that she might have an accident when using and creating potions.

7. Give one feature of Maud's appearance?

Choose from: short, tubby, wore round glasses and had hair in bunches

💡 8. What impression do you get of Miss Cackle from the text?

Appropriate answers, e.g. Miss Cackle seems to be a headteacher that wants things to be kept the way they are, e.g. She doesn't want to change giving the girls a cat to giving them an owl.

9. What are the cats for?

They didn't have a practical use, they were just used for sitting on the girls' brooms.



10. What does the word 'tradition' mean?

Tradition means something that has been done for a long time and is recognised as the way of doing something.

