

Reading task 2

You will find the answers to these questions on pp. 11 - 12 of the text

Remember - you don't need to answer in full sentences

2a – give/explain the meaning of words in context/2g – identify/explain how meaning is enhanced through choice of words and phrases –

startled - to feel shock

insignificant - it doesn't mean anything

gaze - to look steadily, maybe in admiration, surprise or thought

hunched - to raise your shoulders and bend the top of your body forward

What does the word *gaze* suggest about how the witch was looking at Mup ?

The witch was having a really good look at Mup.

Explain two things that the word *insignificant* suggests about how Mup felt.

Mup felt very small and like she wasn't worth anything.

Give the meaning of the word *startled* in this sentence – *Mup wasn't startled – half asleep as she was.*

Mup didn't feel shocked.

Find and copy a phrase which shows that Mam was feeling tense.

. . . tonight the radio was mute and so was Mam

2b – retrieve and record information/identify key details from fiction and non-fiction/2c – Summarise main ideas from more than one paragraph/2f – identify/explain how information/narrative content is related and contributes to meaning as a whole –

Write down two things that could have made Mup afraid of the witches.

Their faces were pale and their black eyes were expressionless.

How did the witch make Mup feel when she gazed at her.

She felt small, useless and insignificant.

What did Aunty tell Mup to do if she ever saw witches ?

Mup had to tell her Aunty if she ever saw witches.

2d – make inferences from the text/explain and justify inferences with evidence from the text/2e – predict what might happen from details stated and implied/2h – make comparisons within the text –

How do the descriptions of the witches make them seem scary ?

The witches seems scary because they are silent, they stare with black eyes and they race through the trees so you can hardly see them.

Explain how the witch made Mup feel insignificant.

The witch stared and stared at Mup until she could think of nothing else and felt small and useless.