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Witch required for Wookey Hole Caves in Britain – must be able to cackle!

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THE ARTICLE

Witch required for Wookey Hole Caves in Britain – must be able to cackle!

An old hag with an evil laugh is being sought after to live in Wookey Hole Caves this summer. The caves near Wells, Somerset, are one of Britain's top tourist attractions. Laced with stalactites and stalagmites they are a favourite among tourists who visit the West Country. An advertisement for the unique job has been placed at the local job centre for someone to teach visitors about witchcraft and magic. The caves previous witch Jane Brenner is hanging up her broomstick after 6 years in the job and is moving onto a different post. The successful candidate 'must be able to cackle' and 'must not be allergic to cats'. They must also 'be prepared to stay in the caves overnight'. Knowledge of the art of witchcraft is essential! The lucky person will enjoy a salary of £50,000 pro rata based on work during school holidays and at weekends. Wookey Hole said the role was open to women, men and even trans-gender witches in order to comply with sexual discrimination laws.

Legend has it the caves were home to the Wookey Witch who was turned to stone by Father Bernard who had been appointed by the Abbott of Glastonbury to rid villagers of her curse. Daniel Medley from Wookey Hole Caves: "Wookey Hole wants the appointee to go about her everyday business as a hag, so that people passing through the caves can get a sense of what the place was like in the Dark Ages." He added, "This was when an old woman lived in the caves with some goats and a dog, causing a variety of social ills including crop failures and disease. So the job is straightforward: live in the cave, be a witch, and do the things witches do." The pro rata salary is based on work when required, mostly during the summer holidays, but also at Halloween and Christmas time. Auditions for the role are being held on July 28th in front of a panel of judges who will assess applicants costume and character as well as the ability to perform witch tests.

Medley adds: "Wookey Hole is advertising nationally and hopes to attract a strong field of candidates, with the £50,000 salary serving as a major incentive." Interviews for the post will involve on site assessment incorporating a range of standard tasks. Ambitious witches, looking for a key career move, should turn up dressed for work and bring any essential witch accoutrements. A limited range of potion ingredients will be available. Medley concludes: "We are witchless at the moment so need to get the role filled as soon as possible. We are looking for someone who is friendly, a little mischievous and with lots of character."

A broomstick, witches hat, crooked nose, crystal ball, magic wand, and cat might help secure the job. Oh and a cauldron! Maybe a bat or cobweb or two, some frogs legs and slithery snakes as well! You could even cast a spell to get the job! Real witches may apply. Is Harry Potter or his friends likely to apply? Maybe you could be the next Witch of Wookey?

Note: <http://www.wookey.co.uk/witch-job.htm> and <http://www.wookey.co.uk/caves.htm>

Note: The following are related to page 5 – no 9: 10 Witchy words/phrases

- 1) witchcraft:** is the art or practices of a witch; sorcery; magic.
 - 2) A witch:** is a person – especially a woman who professes or practices magic or the black art, sorceress. OR an ugly or old woman, hag, OR the 'old witch' who used to live next door.
 - 3) witches brew:** is a potent magical concoction supposedly prepared by witches.
 - 4) witchlike:** a woman usually practicing black witchcraft OR one who is credited with supernatural powers – sorceress.
 - 5) witchhood:** the sisterhood of witches is often called witchhood – a form of sect OR 3 stages in life – maiden, mother and crone OR to renounce your witchhood.
 - 6) a witches broom:** is what witches fly on!
 - 7) witchery:** is witchcraft or magic: is a magical influence, charm, fascination OR the witchery of her charm.
 - 8) wizardry:** is the art, skill, or accomplishments of a wizard.
 - 9) witching:** the use or practise of witchcraft, fascination, charm, enchantment.
 - 10) witches mark:** Witches' marks were commonly believed to include scars, moles, birthmarks, skin tags, supernumerary nipples, natural blemishes and insensitive patches of skin.
- Plus** from above no **11) witchless:** – no witch currently!

Note: Also see page 10

LET'S START

1. Witches: What do you know about witches? Do you know any? What do they do? Have you ever dressed up as a witch or wizard? What is the difference between a witch and a wizard? Go round the room swapping details.

2. Dictation: The teacher will read 4 to 6 lines of the article slowly and clearly. Students will write down what they hear. The teacher will repeat the passage slowly again. Self correct your work from page 2 - filling in spaces and correcting mistakes. Be honest with yourself on the number of errors. Advise the teacher of your total number of errors. Less than 5 is very good. 10 are acceptable. Any more is room for improvement! More than 20 - we need to do some work!

3. Reading: Get students to read the passage aloud. Swap readers every paragraph.

4. Vocabulary: Students look through the article. Underline/highlight any vocabulary you do not know. Look in dictionaries. Discuss and help each other out. The teacher will go through & explain any words or phrases you do not understand.

5. The article: Students look through the article with the teacher.

- a) What is the article about?
- b) What do you think about the advertised job?
- c) Would you apply for this job?
- d) Do you know any famous schools of witchcraft?

6. Let's tell a story: A cackling witch in Wookey Hole

Caves: Below are 20 words and phrases from the article. Use them to compile a story about a cackling witch in Wookey Hole Caves in Britain. Add 2 words of your own. Tell your story to your partner. (*Maybe tick off your words as you tell it*) Start your story with 'Once upon a time...'

1	broomstick	11	tourists
2	potion	12	Wookey Hole Caves
3	Dark Ages	13	cackle
4	witch tests	14	cats
5	curse	15	legend
6	crooked nose	16	witch
7	hat	17	goats
8	Halloween	18	caves
9	old hag	19	stalactites
10	career move	20	stalagmites

Your choice 1 _____ Your choice 2 _____

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

7. Let's debate: In pairs. Students A think witches are not trendy in today's world. Students B think otherwise. Explain why.

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8. Let's write! A leisure e-mail: Write and send a leisure e-mail to your teacher about a trip you made to Wookey Hole Caves earlier this year. Include a meeting with a witch. What else did you see? (Imagine!) (You might need to use the internet for this) Your e-mail can be read out in class.

9. 10 Witchy words/phrases: In pairs look at the below witchy words / phrases. Look at their meaning *together/with the teacher on page 3*. Then separately try to compile a story using these words. Tell your partner it.

1	witchcraft	6	a witches broom
2	a witch	7	witchery
3	witches brew	8	wizardry
4	witchlike	9	witching
5	witchhood	10	witches mark

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their stories in front of the class.

10. Let's do 'The article quiz': With your partner or in small groups: (1 point for each correct answer. Lose ½ point if you look at the article for help!)

Student A

- 1) Name the caves.
- 2) How much can the lucky witch earn?
- 3) Where are the caves?
- 4) How long did the previous witch do the job for?
- 5) The successful candidate must be able to...? (complete the sentence)
- 6) Wookey Hole wants the appointee...? (complete the sentence)

Student B

- 1) When *is/was* the audition?
- 2) Describe the legend.
- 3) So the job is what? Explain in more detail.
- 4) What will the judges assess?
- 5) What might help secure the job?
- 6) What will be available to witches at the interview?

11. Let's chat! Phone call: In pairs: You are both witches! You talk like witches talk! One of you has just heard about the witches job at Wookey Hole. You are ringing your fellow witch friend who remember is a witch to tell her about it. You both like to cackle a lot! Discuss together. Remember you are *on the phone!*

12. Let's draw a witch! Draw a picture of a witch. Include and label your picture clearly with the following...Add 2 witch features of your own. The class can vote for the best picture!

1	a cave	7	some candles
2	the witches hat	8	the witches crooked nose
3	a crystal ball	9	a magic wand
4	a spell book	10	a cauldron
5	some bats	11	an owl
6	some cobwebs	12	some snakes
Your choice 1 _____		Your choice 2 _____	

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their stories in front of the class.

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13. Let's compile! We know a few witches... *In small groups / in pairs* think of 8 famous witches and 2 famous wizards. List them below. (You might need to use the internet for this) They might be from TV, film, books, or real life. Think of who played them? In what movie, book, film were they in? Discuss *in groups/with your partner* what you know about each of them. What makes them special? Why are they famous? Try to describe them, their surroundings, their lifestyle and their friends.

	Famous witches	Performed by <i>witch</i> actress	In what?
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____
8	_____	_____	_____
	Famous wizards	Performed by <i>witch</i> actor	In what?
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____

The teacher will choose some pairs to discuss their findings in front of the class.

14. Let's ask: In pairs...

Student A

- 1) Why do witches wear black?
- 2) How do you become a witch?
- 3) Do witches believe in god?
- 4) Are there different types of witches?
- 5) Why is Salem often associated with witchcraft?

Student B

- 1) Can men be witches?
- 2) Do witches cast spells?
- 3) Why do witches practice magic?
- 4) Does every witch have a black cat and a broomstick?
- 5) Is witchcraft dangerous?

15. Sentence starters: Finish these sentence starters. Correct your mistakes. Compare what other people have written.

- a) The Witch _____
- b) The broomstick _____
- c) Magic _____
- d) The black cat _____
- e) Wookey Hole Caves _____

AFTER READING / LISTENING

1. TRUE / FALSE: After reading the article guess whether these sentences are true (T) or false (F):

- | | |
|--|-------|
| a. Wookey Hole is in Cheddar Gorge in the north of England | T / F |
| b. Successful candidates must be able to cackle | T / F |
| c. The salary for the successful witch is £60,000 pro rate | T / F |
| d. Legend says the witch was turned to stone by an Abbott | T / F |
| e. An old woman lived in the caves with some goats and a dog | T / F |
| f. The current witch is hanging up her broomstick | T / F |
| g. The new witch should like stroking cats | T / F |
| h. The new witch will need to work on Halloween | T / F |

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article:

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| a. hag | preceding |
| b. evil | cavern |
| c. sought | special |
| d. cave | search for |
| e. laced | successful |
| f. unique | chortle |
| g. previous | judge |
| h. cackle | witch |
| i. lucky | mixed |
| j. assess | terrible |

3. PHRASE MATCH: Match the following phrases from the article:

- | | |
|--|--|
| a. An old hag | 'must be able to cackle' |
| b. The caves near Wells, Somerset, are | been placed at the local job centre |
| c. Laced with stalactites and stalagmites they | do the things witches do." |
| d. An advertisement for the unique job has | in the caves overnight'. |
| e. The caves previous witch Jane Brenner is | to the Wookey Witch |
| f. The successful candidate | are a favourite among tourists |
| g. They must also 'be prepared to stay | witchcraft is essential! |
| h. Knowledge of the art of | hanging up her broomstick |
| i. the caves were home | with an evil laugh |
| j. live in the cave, be a witch, and | one of Britain's top tourist attractions |

GAP FILL: READING

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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broomstick

old hag

cackle

caves

allergic

witchcraft

magic

unique

goats

Abbott

witch

curse

legend

auditions

costume

Halloween

GAP FILL: LISTENING

Listen and fill in the spaces.

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DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a. Did the headline make you want to read the article?
- b. Do you think it is hard being a witch? Why? Why not?
- c. What is the difference between stalactites and stalagmites?
- d. Can you cackle? Try it now.
- e. Would you like to live in a cave? Why? Why not?
- f. Can you think of 3 things a witch might do?
- g. Can you think of 3 other famous caves? Where are they situated? (Country/Area)
- h. Do you like cats? If yes, which sort?
- i. Which type of witch do you like?
- j. Do you know any good witches spells? If yes, do they work?!

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STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a. What do you think about what you read?
- b. Would you like to be a witch? Why? Why not?
- c. Do you know any witches? If yes, who?
- d. When you were a child were you frightened by any witches?
- e. Who is your favourite witch?
- f. Who is the most wicked witch you know?
- g. Do you know any good witches?
- h. Can you wiggle your nose? Try it. (*Samantha from the American TV series 'Bewitched' wiggles her nose!*)
- i. What 3 pieces of advice would you give the new Wookey Hole witch?
- j. Did you like this discussion?

Note: From page 2

Stalactites: These are a deposit, usually of calcium carbonate, shaped like an icicle, hanging from the roof of a cave or the like, and formed by the dripping of percolating calcareous water.

Stalagmites: These are a deposit, usually of calcium carbonate, more or less resembling an inverted stalactite, formed on the floor of a cave or the like by the dripping of percolating calcareous water.

SPEAKING – 1

Game 1: *Allow 10 minutes*

In groups

Form a 'witches' circle or go round the room in a clockwise direction.

"I went to a witches and wizards convention and I saw..."

The idea of the game is that each person has to remember what was previously said. Then add one more 'witchy/wizardry idea' of your own. The list will therefore get longer and longer.

When a student cannot remember the order or cannot think of anything to do with witches and wizards they are 'eliminated'!

The winner is the one at the end not eliminated!

The teacher can moderate the game.

SPEAKING – 2

Game 2: *Allow 10-20 minutes*

In groups

A witches audition!

You are all witches. You are at the audition for the job of a witch at Wookey Hole Caves in the West Country, Britain.

Each of you has / Some of you have to prepare for the audition. Spend a couple of minutes preparing what you might do at the audition.

You may use one of your classmates in your 'act' should you need to.

The audition time in front of the judges (the class and teacher) is **1 minute**. During this time you will have to demonstrate your witching skills.

Consider things like your broomstick, cauldron, bats, spiders, cat etc...

Use your speaking skills. Cackle a lot! Maybe *mime* some of your act to assist your demonstration. Use any props you might need.

The teacher can moderate the audition.

SPEAKING - 3

Let's brainstorm! A witches/wizards musical:

Allow 10-20 minutes

Small groups

Hocus pocus let's cast a spell! You are at a *witches and wizards* convention. You are here to discuss a new future forthcoming witches and wizards musical your group is putting together. Hey - you are *witches/wizards*! Brainstorm and cackle together some ideas about the following listed below...

Choose a spokesperson (Head witch) who can present your ideas to the class. Try to present it visually or use the board etc... Try to be imaginative! *10-20 minutes*.

	Your ideas	
1) 5 things a witch/wizard would put in their cauldron to make a potion on stage	1 2 3	4 5
2) 5 things a witch and wizard would each wear on stage	1 2 3	4 5
3) 5 wicked 'Witch' or 'wizard' songs to sing on stage	1 2 3	4 5
4) 5 witch or wizard accessories to bring on stage	1 2 3	4 5
5) 5 famous 'witchy' or wizard friends to guest star on stage	1 2 3	4 5
6) 5 artists or groups that use witch or wizard or similar in their names	1 2 3	4 5
7) Your choice		

The teacher can moderate the session.

PUT THE ARTICLE BACK TOGETHER

Put the article back together

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- () women, men and even trans-gender witches in order to comply with sexual discrimination laws. Legend has it the caves were home to the Wookey Witch who was turned to stone by Father Bernard who had been appointed

LANGUAGE: Choose the correct words from a–d below and write them in the article.

An old (1)___ with an evil laugh is being sought after to live in Wookey Hole Caves this summer. The caves near Wells, Somerset, are one of Britain’s top tourist attractions. (2)___ with stalactites and stalagmites they are a favourite among tourists who visit the (3)___ Country. An advertisement for the (4)___ job has been placed at the local (5)___ centre for someone to teach visitors about witchcraft and magic. The caves previous witch Jane Brenner is hanging up her broomstick after 6 years in the job and is moving onto a different post. The successful candidate ‘must be able to (6)___’ and ‘must not be allergic to cats’. They must also ‘be prepared to stay in the caves overnight’. Knowledge of the art of witchcraft is essential! The lucky person will enjoy a salary of £50,000 pro rata based on work during school holidays and at weekends. Wookey Hole said the role was open to women, men and even trans-gender witches in order to comply with sexual discrimination laws.

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1.	(a)	bag	(b)	hag	(c)	tag	(d)	Sag
2.	(a)	paced	(b)	braced	(c)	traced	(d)	Laced
3.	(a)	north	(b)	south	(c)	East	(d)	West
4.	(a)	unique	(b)	boutique	(c)	uniquely	(d)	pique
5.	(a)	job	(b)	sob	(c)	bob	(d)	mob
6.	(a)	tackle	(b)	cackle’	(c)	hackle	(d)	ankle
7.	(a)	stone	(b)	jelly	(c)	wood	(d)	dust
8.	(a)	pigs	(b)	goats	(c)	spiders	(d)	Cats
9.	(a)	frills	(b)	bills	(c)	pills	(d)	ills
10.	(a)	failure	(b)	fail	(c)	failures	(d)	failing
11.	(a)	moon	(b)	castle	(c)	cave	(d)	forest
12.	(a)	audition	(b)	auditions	(c)	auditioned	(d)	auditioning

GRAMMAR 1: MIDWAY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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GRAMMAR 2: EASY

Put the words into the gaps in the text.

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SPELLING TEST

The teacher will ask the class individually to spell the following words that are in the article:

1	cackle	11	trans-gender
2	appointee	12	Halloween
3	straightforward	13	assess
4	discrimination	14	character
5	allergic	15	candidates
6	witchcraft	16	assessment
7	broomstick	17	ingredients
8	stalactites	18	accoutrements
9	stalagmites	19	ambitious
10	favourite	20	incorporating

Your score: Pass = 12, Good = 15, Very good = 18, Excellent = 20

HOMEWORK

Newspaper article: Write an article on “**The best witches are...**” (Minimum 200 words) Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Which article was best and why?

WRITING: In class:

Five-minute article: Write an article on “**The best Witches are...**” You have five minutes. The teacher will select some students to read out their work.

Countdown: Every minute the teacher may say, “You have xx minutes left”.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE:

- a. F b. T c. F d. F e. T f. T g. F h. T

SYNONYM MATCH:

- | | |
|-------------|------------|
| a. hag | witch |
| b. evil | terrible |
| c. sought | search for |
| d. cave | cavern |
| e. laced | mixed |
| f. unique | special |
| g. previous | preceding |
| h. cackle | chortle |
| i. lucky | successful |
| j. assess | judge |

PHRASE MATCH:

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| a. An old hag | with an evil laugh |
| b. The caves near Wells, Somerset, are | one of Britain's top tourist attractions |
| c. Laced with stalactites and stalagmites they | are a favourite among tourists |
| d. An advertisement for the unique job has | been placed at the local job centre |
| e. The caves previous witch Jane Brenner is | hanging up her broomstick |
| f. The successful candidate | 'must be able to cackle' |
| g. They must also 'be prepared to stay | in the caves overnight'. |
| h. Knowledge of the art of | witchcraft is essential! |
| i. the caves were home | to the Wookey Witch |
| j. live in the cave, be a witch, and | do the things witches do." |

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LANGUAGE WORK:

- 1 - b 2 - d 3 - d 4 - a 5 - a 6 - b 7 - a 8 - b 9 - d 10 - c 11 - c 12 - b

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