

Extended Hunter Questions

Now it's time to perfect your hunting skills!
The passage below is an extract from a witch's diary. It contains a recipe for a potion. Read it, read the questions, read the passage again and annotate it before you answer.
Don't forget to check the number of marks on offer!



The Potion

By Sam Hanson, age 11

Remove a hair from a shaven snake,
Steal some frogspawn from a lake,
Stroke it with a goldfish finger,
Poke it with a dead wasp's stinger,
Collect some dandruff from your shoulder,
Then watch the clock 'til you're five days older,
Pop a ball that never bounces,
Drain some blood – about four ounces,
Mop it up with toilet roll,
Freeze it with some burning coal,

Borrow toe-cheese from a hag,
Put it in a Tesco's bag,
Sell it for a hundred quid,
Find a flying, feathered squid,
Wrap its arms around a toaster,
Shred a Batman movie poster,
Boil these items in pea soup,
And stir it with an ice-cream scoop,

You know not what this potion's for,
I'll keep you guessing a bit more...
'Til finally, you'll surely find,
It's been a massive waste of time.

- a) List two things that the recipe instructs you to do with frogspawn.

(2 mark)

- b) How long must you wait before popping a ball?

(1 mark)

- c) How much blood are you told to collect?

(1 mark)

- d) Where are you instructed to store the Hag's 'toe-cheese'?

(1 mark)

- e) Which famous film character is mentioned?

(1 mark)

f) Find four instructions or items in the poem which are impossible in real life.

(4 marks)

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g) What will you find out about this potion after you have made it?

(2 marks)

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MARK SCHEME

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Marking is somewhat open to interpretation. Marks should be given to reasonably similar ideas and presentation to the examples below, with appropriate evidence. Deduct marks for missing/inaccurate evidence and poor presentation/structure.

- a) 'Stroke it with a goldfish finger'(1) and 'poke it with a dead wasp's stinger.'(1)
- b) Five days, as the poem states, 'watch the clock 'til you're five days older.'(1)
- c) The recipe tells you to take 'about four ounces' of blood.(1)
- d) We are told to put it in 'a Tesco's bag.'(1)
- e) The film character mentioned is Batman, when it says, 'shred a Batman movie poster.'(1)
- f) Four impossible things in the poem are, 'goldfish finger'(1), 'hair from a shaven snake'(1), 'freeze it with some burning coal'(1) and 'a flying, feathered squid.'(1)
- g) After making this potion, you will find out that it was pointless(1): 'It's been a massive waste of time.'(1)