

The Angry Old Witch

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Dear Parents and Teachers,

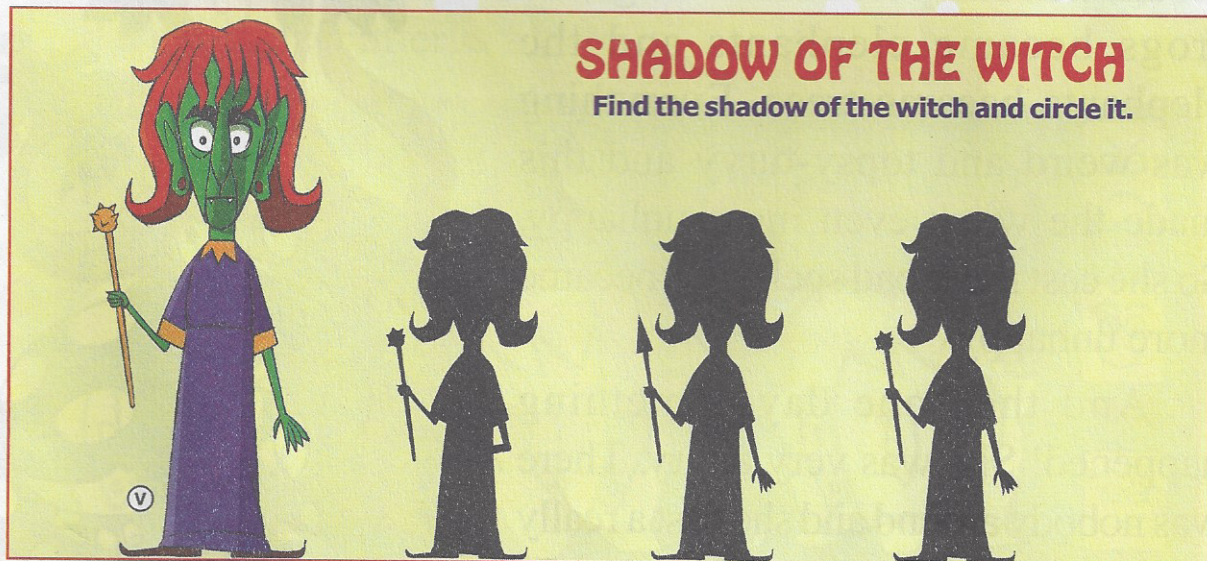
Read out this story to the little ones with suitable gestures and voice modulation so that they listen to you with rapt attention.

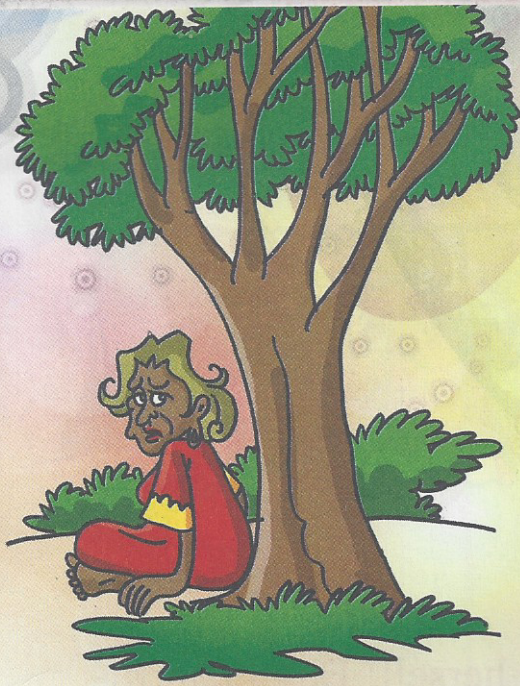
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Once upon a time there lived an old witch who was always very angry. She was so angry that if there was nobody around, she would get angry with herself! But the most frightening thing about her was that whenever she was angry, she would cast magic spells on everybody and everything around her.

She cast a spell on her neighbours and turned them into boars. She cast a spell on the children and turned them into crows. She cast a spell on her cat and turned it into a mat. She cast a spell on her hut and turned it into a pig, which of course, ran away. She





also cast a spell on her food and turned it into a stone! And this happened very frequently as the witch was always angry because she had no house to stay and no food to eat.

As she was always angry, she did not think about undoing her spells. But during intervals when she was not angry, she tried hard to remember the words to undo the spell. But no matter how hard she tried, she could not remember the words and this made her even more angry and she went about casting a lot of spells again.

This frightened her friends so much that they started avoiding the witch. She became lonely and unhappy, so she cast more spells. She cast spells on trees and animals around her. The trees became frogs, the frogs became elephants and the elephants became trees. Everything was weird and topsy-turvy and this made the witch even more unhappy. So she cast more bad spells and became more unhappy.

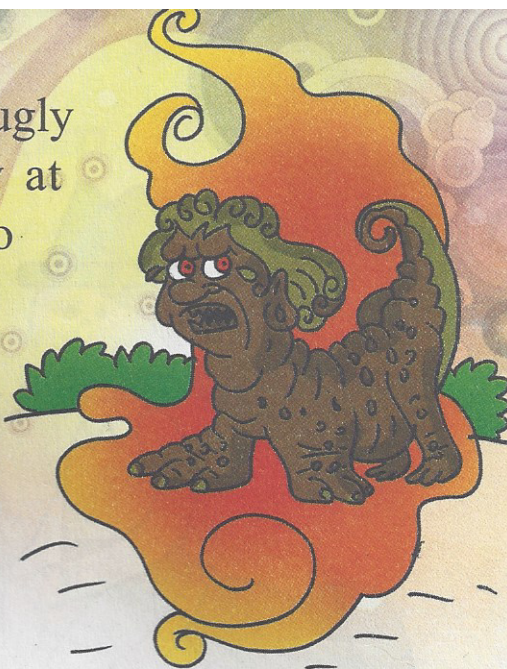
And then one day something happened! She was very angry. There was nobody around and she cast a really



bad spell on herself and became an ugly DUMB monster! She was so angry at becoming the monster that she wanted to scream and scold and cast a really bad spell but she could not, as the monster was dumb and could not talk! Also she could not undo the spell.

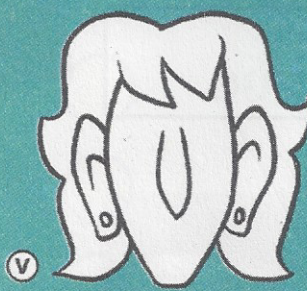
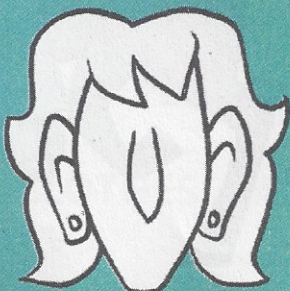
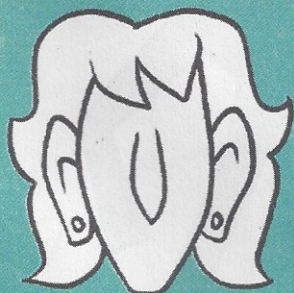
So, finally the monster had to stay quiet and cool, trying to remember the words to undo the spell. And she slowly forgot her anger. As the witch's temper cooled down, her spells started waning off and things got back to normal.

Everybody was surprised and happy but they wondered where the witch had gone because they did not know that the witch had become an ugly dumb monster who could no longer cast any more bad spells. And they also did not know the monster was still sitting quiet trying to remember the words to undo the spell. So they all lived happily ever after! ●



Witch in different moods

Draw the eyes, eyebrows and the lips on the faces and see the expressions.



ANGRY



HAPPY



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