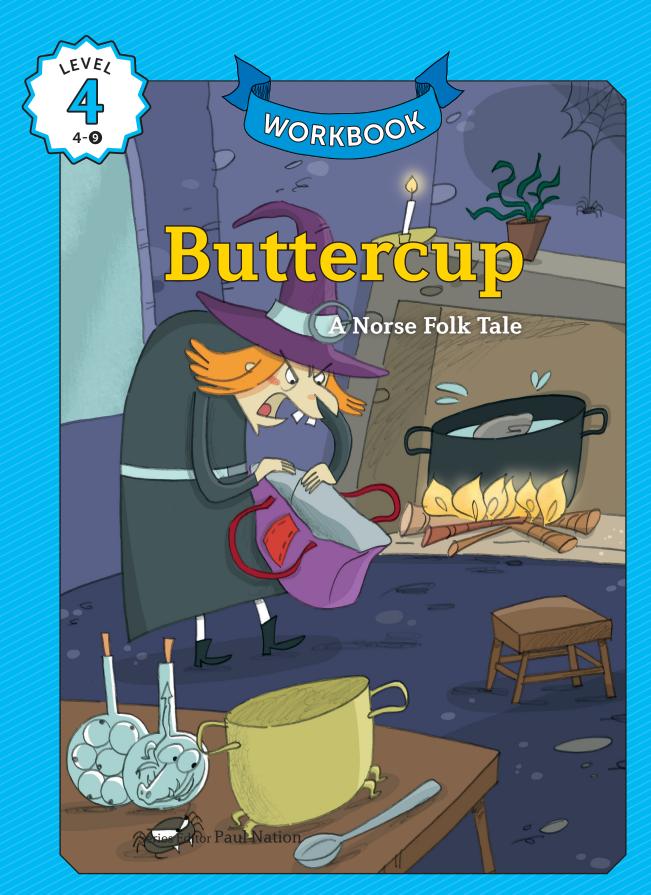
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The Oval Portrait

A Norse Folk Tale



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A

Look at the picture and answer the questions.



- What is the title of this book?The title of this book is
- Where does this story come from?
 This story comes from a _______
- What do you see on the cover illustration? Circle the correct words.
 - I see a (witch / ghost) opening her bag. She looks (curious / angry) at something. There is a large (pan / pot) placed on a fire.
- What do you think will happen in the story?
 I think

B Read and write.

1 Buttercup is as fat as a cup of butter. Describe a physical feature of yours.

I have _____

- 2 Do you like the physical feature? Or do you feel uncomfortable with it? And why?
 I (like / feel uncomfortable with) my ______
- C Draw the physical feature that you described above.



Words to Learn

During Reading

A Find the word for each picture. Then write the words.

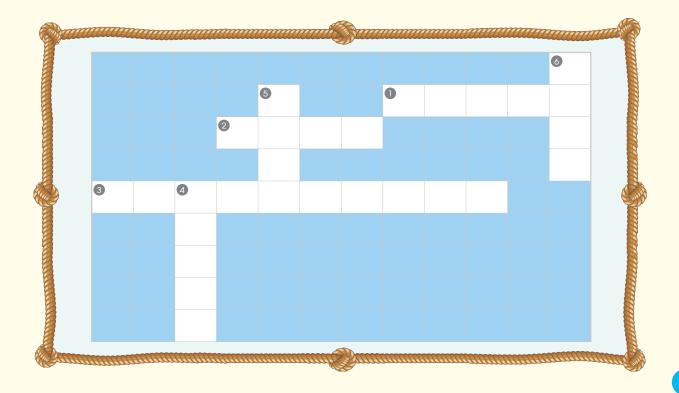
bark sore		branch broth	witch poke
	2		3
4	6		6

Read the sentences and fill in the blanks. Then do the crossword puzzle.

Across → 1 The branch and stone ______ed her head. 2 When the witch saw the branch, she shouted in _____. 3 She took out a large pot and got all her _____s ready.



- 4 I'm off to find _____s for dinner.
- 5 There was an old woman who sat and _____d all day.
- 6 Buttercup took an ax and _____ ped its head off.



A Look and circle () True or False.



Buttercup was waiting to see the witch when she came in.

True

False

2



The witch threw her bag over Buttercup's head and walked off with him in it.

True

False

8



While the witch slept, Buttercup ran away after cutting out a hole in the bag with the knife.

True

False

4



The witch offered Buttercup a strong little fork, but he didn't come out.

True

False

Circle the correct answer.



- 1 Why was the witch angry when she opened her bag?
 - a. Because Buttercup was not in her bag
 - b. Because the other ingredients were not in her bag



- What did the witch do differently on her third try?
 - a. She ran faster than ever before.
 - b. She went home without stopping.



- 3 How did Buttercup kill the goblin?
 - a. He told it how it should kill him and then chopped its head off.
 - b. He showed it how to make broth and then pushed it into the pot.



- 4 What did Buttercup do with the branch and stone?
 - a. He threw them at the witch.
 - b. He threw them at the chimney.

Sentence Practice

During Reading

A	Read and	unscramble	the	sentences
	Meau and	ulisciallible	UIC	sentences.

- (what / See / barking at / Goldtooth / is / .)
- (hunting / father / He's / his / out / with / .)
- (to / far / Sandland / it / How / is / ?)
- (must / it / You / to get / reach into / my bag / .)
- (off / guests / to / I'm / find / for dinner / .)
- (good / some / is / Buttercup / This / broth / !)

A Check the correct answer. Then write using the options.

Story Character(s) Witch Guest Buttercup Goblin	Setting(s) Guest's house Goblin's house Witch's house
Problem 1	Solution 1
Problem 2	Solution 2
Problem 3	Solution 3

Options

- **1** The witch ordered the goblin to kill Buttercup.
- **1** The witch returned and ran outside to see what had happened.
- **6** While the witch napped, Buttercup escaped by cutting a hole in the bag.
- **1** The witch threw her bag over Buttercup and walked off with him in it.
- He tricked the goblin into laying its head on the wood and cut its head off.
- **1** Buttercup killed the witch by dropping the stone and branch on her head.

Review Quiz

After Reading

- A Circle the best answer.
 - 1 The branch and stone (poked / crushed) her head!
 - 2 When the witch saw the branch, she shouted in (joy / rage).
 - 3 There was an old woman who sat and (baked / cooked) all day.
 - 4 Buttercup took an ax and (chopped / knocked) its head off.
 - 5 She took out a large pot and got all her (ingredients / recipes) ready.
- **B** Fill in the blanks.

	bark	branch	sore	broth	poke	
1	"My back i	S	," sa	id the witch	1.	
2	One day, G	oldtooth sta	arted to _		loudly.	
3	Buttercup	boiled the g	oblin's bo	dy into		
4	Then he pu	ut a	in	side the ba	g and went ho	ome
6	He took th	e fork from	the bag a	nd	d out a	3

After Reading

Book Report

Name	Date	
Book Title		
Summary		
Write a summary	using the options.	

Options

- a. Then he climbed up the chimney with the branch and stone.
- b. The witch ordered the goblin to kill Buttercup, but it didn't know how.
- c. The next day, she lured him out with a fork, but he escaped again.
- d. On the way, while the witch rested, he escaped by cutting a hole in the bag.
- e. One day, a witch visited Buttercup's house and said she had a knife for him.
- f. The third day she offered him a spoon, and after she got him she went straight home.
- g. Buttercup tricked it into laying its head on the wood, killed it, and boiled its body.
- h. When the witch ate the soup, Buttercup told her it was goblin broth.
- i. When she went outside, he killed her by dropping the stone and branch on her head.
- j. She told him that he could reach the knife from her bag, and as soon as he did so, she threw her bag over him and walked off.