

# The Clever Cat

You often see witches with broomsticks, cauldrons and of course, cats. Some cats are witches' friends; others are more helpful. Wenda the Witch was very lucky to have a clever cat called Caldor. Wenda was a forgetful witch. She was always making mistakes. But, her clever cat was always there to help her out.



When she made spells, Wenda was a little bit forgetful. As Wenda was a kind witch, she was always trying to help people. She tried to help her neighbour grow flowers in her garden. She mixed up the potion and put it all over the grass. Big weeds grew instead of flowers and covered the house. Caldor had been watching Wenda and what she had done wrong. She had put in three spoons of beetle juice instead of one. Also, he made a potion to get the garden back to normal. Once the weeds were gone, Caldor and Wenda helped make the right potion to grow beautiful flowers this time.

Questions:

1. Name two things that you can often see witches with.

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2. What is Wenda's cat called?

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3. What grew in the garden instead of flowers?

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When Wenda wanted to go on holiday, she was never very good at packing and planning. When she wanted nice weather, she decided to book a holiday to somewhere it always snows. When she wanted to go surfing with her friends, she thought that the mountains would be a good place to go. It was only when she let Caldor be in charge, that things started to work out. If it wasn't for Caldor, she would have gone on holiday and forgotten her wand, hat and broomstick.



Wenda loved to have parties for her friends. She forgot to invite everyone so no one knew there even was a party. Caldor, being a very clever cat, quickly invited everyone so they would come. On the day of the party, she overslept and didn't decorate the house. Caldor made great party decorations out of sharks' teeth and cobwebs. Next, Wenda forgot to buy any food or drink. But Caldor made his frog eye sandwiches and some sticky slime cocktails.

He really was a very clever cat!

4. Where did Wenda want to go surfing?

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5. What did Caldor make party decorations out of?

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6. Would you be scared going to Wenda's party? Why?

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# The Clever Cat Answers

1. Name two things that you can often see witches with?

**You can often see witches with broomsticks, cauldrons and cats.**

2. What is Wenda's cat called?

**Wenda's cat is called Caldor.**

3. What grew in the garden instead of flowers?

**Big weeds grew in the garden instead of flowers.**

4. Where did Wenda want to go surfing?

**Wenda wanted to go surfing on the mountains.**

5. What did Caldor make party decorations out of?

**Caldor made decorations out of shark's teeth and cobwebs.**

6. Would you be scared going to Wenda's party? Why?

**Varied answers.**

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Everybody knows that witches need a cat. It is a bit like witches having a broomstick and making potions. Some cats just keep their witches company; others are slightly more useful. Wenda the Witch was very lucky to have an especially clever cat called Caldor. Wenda was not a very good witch. Every time she tried to do something that other witches did, she would make some kind of mistake. But, her clever cat was always there to help her out.



When it came to making spells, Wenda was a little bit forgetful. She never read the spell books as carefully as she should. As Wenda was a good witch, she was always trying to help people. She once tried to help her neighbour grow some beautiful flowers in her garden. She mixed up the potion and her neighbour sprayed it all over the grass. Instead of beautiful flowers though, giant vines grew up overnight and wrapped around the house. Caldor had been watching Wenda the whole time and knew exactly what she had done wrong. She had added three pinches of cobweb instead of one. Also, he had been busy making a potion to help get the garden back to normal. Once the vines were gone, Caldor and Wenda made some of the potion,

using one pinch of cobweb this time, and soon the garden was bursting with colour.



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When Wenda wanted to go on holiday, she was never very good at packing and planning. When she wanted to go somewhere hot and sunny, she tried to book a holiday to Antarctica. When she wanted to go skiing with her witch friends, she thought that the seaside would be a great place to visit. It was only when she let Caldor be in charge, that things started to work out. If it wasn't for Caldor, she would have gone on holiday and forgotten her wand, hat and broomstick.

Wenda loved to throw huge parties for all of her friends; she invited everyone. Ghosts, ghouls, fairies, dragons and zombies. It was a night that everyone looked forward to, except for Caldor. First of all, she forgot to send out the invitations so no one knew there even was a party. Caldor being a very clever cat sent everybody a scree-mail and they all said they would come. On the day of the party, she didn't even set an alarm, but luckily Caldor was up bright and early getting everything ready. He made amazing party decorations out of snake skins and old bones. Next, she forgot to buy any food or drink. But Caldor made his famous snail slime and mouse tail sandwiches and some ghastly ghoulish cocktails.



# The Clever Cat Questions

1. What mistake did Wenda make with the potion?

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2. How do you know Wenda is a good witch?

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3. Where did Wenda book to go on holiday when she wanted to go somewhere hot and sunny?

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4. How did Caldor invite people to the party quickly?

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5. What cocktails did they drink at the party?

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6. Who is your favourite character in the story? Why?

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7. How do you know that Caldor loves Wenda?

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8. Describe the food that you would take to a witch's party.

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# The Clever Cat Answers

1. What mistake did Wenda make with the potion?

**Wenda used three pinches of cobweb instead of one in her potion.**

2. How do you know Wenda is a good witch?

**You know Wenda is a good witch because she tries to help people.**

3. Where did Wenda book to go on holiday when she wanted to go somewhere hot and sunny?

**Wenda booked to go to Antarctica when she wanted to go somewhere hot and sunny.**

4. How did Caldor invite people to the party quickly?

**Caldor invited people using screa-mail!**

5. What cocktails did they drink at the party?

**They drank ghastly ghoulish cocktails at the party.**

6. Who is your favourite character in the story? Why?

**Varied answers.**

7. How do you know that Caldor loves Wenda?

**You know that Caldor loves Wenda because he also tries to rescue her mistakes!**

8. Describe the food that you would take to a witch's party.

**Varied answers.**

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Everybody knows that witches must have a furry feline friend. It is a bit like witches having a dusty broomstick or black pointed hat. Some cats simply keep their witches company; others prove slightly more useful. Wenda the Witch was especially lucky to have a rather clever cat called Caldor. Wenda was not a very good witch. Not that she was evil, more that she couldn't get things right. Every time she tried to do something that other witches did, she would somehow make a mistake. But, her clever companion was always there to help her out.



When it came to making spells, Wenda was more than a little bit forgetful. She was terrible for never reading the spell books as carefully as she should. As Wenda was a kind witch, she was always trying to help people when she could. She once tried to assist her neighbour in growing some beautiful flowers in her otherwise dull garden. She mixed up the potion and her neighbour sprayed it all over the dry grass. Instead of beautiful flowers though, thick, grasping vines leapt up overnight and wrapped around the house, choking the light from the windows. Caldor had been watching Wenda the whole time and knew exactly what she had done wrong. She had carelessly added three pinches of

cobweb instead of one. Also, he had been busy making a replacement potion

to help get the vine-riddled garden back to normal. Once the vines were gone, Caldor and Wenda conjured some of the potion, using just one





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pinch of cobweb this time, and soon the garden was bursting with colour and life.

When Wenda wanted to go on holiday, she was terrible at preparation, especially at packing and planning. When she wanted to go somewhere to escape the winter chill, she tried to book a holiday to frosty Antarctica. When she wants to go skiing down the slopes with her witch friends, she thought that the sun and sea of the Bahamas would be an ideal place to visit. It was only when she let Caldor take the lead that things started to work out. If it wasn't for Caldor, she would have gone on holiday and forgotten her wand, hat and broomstick. That would be pretty awful for a witch.



Wenda loved to throw lavish parties for all of her friends; she insisted on inviting everyone. Ghosts, trolls, fairies and mummies to mention but a few. It was a night that everyone looked forward to, except that is for Caldor. First of all, she forgot to send out the invitations so no one knew there even was a party. Caldor being the exceptionally clever cat he was, soon remedied this by sending out a screa-mail and the replies flooded in letting him know that everyone would be there. On the day of the party, Wenda not only forgot an alarm but slept until well after midday. Luckily for her, Caldor was up at the crack of dawn, making preparations for the big event. He made fantastic party decorations out of disgusting troll toenails and razor sharp rat teeth. Finally, as she forgot to buy any food or drink, Caldor made his famous snake tongue and sheep brain sandwiches and some spicy spider venom cocktails.

All in all, he was a rather clever cat!

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1. What does Wenda never do carefully enough?

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2. What was Wenda trying to help her neighbour do?

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3. When Wenda wanted to ski, where did she decide to visit?

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4. When did Caldor wake up to get the decorations ready for the party?

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5. What food and drink was served at the party?

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7. Is says the 'vines leapt up overnight'. What does this mean?

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8. Which dish would you take to Wenda's party? Describe it.

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# The Clever Cat Answers

1. What does Wenda never do carefully enough?  
**Wenda never reads her spell books carefully enough.**
2. What was Wenda trying to help her neighbour do?  
**Wenda was trying to help her neighbour grow beautiful flowers.**
3. When Wenda wanted to ski, where did she decide to visit?  
**Wenda visited the Bahamas when she wanted to ski.**
4. When did Caldor wake up to get the decorations ready for the party?  
**Caldor woke at the crack of dawn to get the decorations ready for the party.**
5. What food and drink was served at the party?  
**Caldor made his famous snake tongue and sheep brain sandwiches and some spicy spider venom cocktails.**
6. What does the word 'remedied' mean?  
**Remedied means sorted or put back as it was.**
7. Is says the 'vines leapt up overnight'. What does this mean?  
**Leapt up overnight means that they grew very quickly.**
8. 8) Which dish would you take to Wenda's party?  
**Describe it. Varied answers.**