

4th grade English exam - III bimester

Reading Section

Name: _____ Date: _____

Read these parts of the book BABA YAGA, and then answer the questions:



Vasilisa spent her days working very hard. Her stepmother gave her task upon task to do, and during harvesting season, Vasilisa was not allowed to go back to the house until the day's entire crop had been picked.

Each day Vasilisa somehow managed to get all her chores done. But still her mean stepmother never had a kind word for her, and was never pleased with how Vasilisa did her work.

Then one day, the stepmother had a wicked idea: she wanted to get rid of Vasilisa once and for all. So she said, "The days are getting colder, and soon we will need coal to stay warm. I want you to go into the forest and find the woman that lives in the chicken hut. She has the best coal—it burns all winter long. You must ask her for some."



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Vasilisa was very scared, and did not want to go. "But Stepmother, that is Baba Yaga! She is a witch who is known to eat little children! Please do not make me go there!" she pleaded.

"Nonsense!" screamed the stepmother, shaking her fist at her, "you had better come back with the coal, or I will not let you back into this house!"

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Questions:

1.- In the harvesting season, Vasilisa wasn't allowed to go back to the house until:_____

2.- Was Vasilisa a lazy girl?_____

3.- What was the stepmother's wicked idea to get rid of Vasilisa?_____

4.- Why didn't Vasilisa want to go to Baba Yaga's house?_____

5.- What will happen with Vasilisa if she doesn't come back with the coal?_____
