LESSON B I'VE NEVER BEEN MORE SCARED

1. DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS.

1. Look at the title and the picture from the text below. What do you think the story is about?
2. What do you see in the picture?
3. Do you think the story is about real life or fantastic events?

2. READ THE TEXT AND DECIDE IF THE STATEMENTS BELOW ARE TRUE OR FALSE.

A frightening night

My name is Rosa, and I love the rich history of Hidalgo. Have you ever been to Zapotlán de Juarez? People grow crops there, my great-grandfather was a farmer and he grew corn, he built a small shack in the middle of the corn fields where he stayed when he needed to take care of his crops. One day when I was little, my father decided to take us to the shack, during the harvest season, my parents decided to spend the night there. Everyone was sleeping, when an eerie sound coming from outside woke me up, it was the echoing and unintelligible crying of a child. Since I didn't understand if he was saying something, I went outside to check but I saw nothing but fog; suddenly I noticed a red glow at the distance and I decided to follow it.

I heard someone moving between the tall corn stalks. Before I reached the glow, it disappeared and the crying stopped, I thought a little kid was lost and I proceeded to ask "Have you lost your parents?" When suddenly a raspy female voice whispered in my ear with a sinister tone, something I will never forget: "I like your eyes" every hair on the back of my neck stood up and my blood froze, I didn't want to look behind me but I managed to glance over my shoulder, and what I saw standing there made me start shaking like a leaf. I've never seen anything like that again, I gathered all my strength and ran towards the shack, but this thing was one step behind me, then I tripped over a branch and fell. I managed to quickly look up and there it was, right in front of me, what appeared to be an old woman with a disfigured and rotting face, no eyes, the legs of a goat, and horrible bonny hands. She looked at me and said "I've called my sisters, they will be here soon" and that's when I though "this is a witch". My great-grandfather used to tell lots of stories about witches. She started to reach out for me and yelled, "We've eaten lots of children like you". As I saw her bony hands about to grab me, my life flashed before my eyes. I started crying when out of the stalks our dog Max jumped. He started barking and growling at the monster. The horrible specter backed down and Max started chasing it away and I dashed to the shack. Max came behind me. We entered the shack and everyone was still sleeping. I immediately fainted.

The next day I woke up and told my parents about the witch but they didn't believe me. People have tried to convince me over the years that it was only a nightmare but I'm convinced it was real. I'm not sure if it was a witch or a ghost but I even have some scars from that fall, this is why I read stories about goblins and witches as I want to know if others have seen what I saw eleven years ago.

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1. The story is about a nightmare Rosa had. ◯ T ◯ F
2. Rosa's great-grandfather was a farmer. ◯ T ◯ F
3. Her great-grandfather's shack is in Zapotlán de Juarez. ◯ T ◯ F
4. They spent the night at the shack because their car broke down. ◯ T ◯ F
5. Rosa heard the voice of a child saying her name. ◯ T ◯ F
6. Rosa didn't understand what the female voice whispered. ◯ T ◯ F
7. Rosa has never seen anything like what she saw that day again. ◯ T ◯ F
8. The witch said she and her sisters had eaten children like Rosa in the past. ◯ T ◯ F
9. Rosa's parents didn't believe her. ◯ T ◯ F

3. READ THE TEXT AGAIN AND SELECT THE CORRECT ANSWER TO THE STATEMENTS.

1. **The main idea in paragraph one is:**
◯ **a.** Rosa's great-grandfather was a farmer from Zapotlán de Juarez.
◯ **b.** Rosa once was scared near the shack his great-grandfather built.

2. **The meaning of the word "unintelligible" in paragraph two probably is:**
◯ **a.** Impossible to understand.
b. Impossible to hear.
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3. **The meaning of the word "whispered" in paragraph three probably is:**
◯ **a.** To say something loudly.
b. To say something softly.
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4. **In paragraph three the intention of the phrase "every hair on the back of my neck stood up and my blood froze" is:**
◯ **a.** To say that Rosa was incredibly surprised.
b. To say that Rosa was incredibly scared.
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5. **The word "glance" in paragraph three is similar to:**
◯ **a.** Look.
b. Hear.
◯

6. **In paragraph 3 where Rosa says "I was shaking like a leaf" she means that:**
◯ **a.** Her body was shaking because she was scared.
◯ **b.** Her body was shaking because she was cold.

7. **In paragraph three, the intention of the phrase "my life flashed before my eyes" is:**
◯ **a.** To say that her life was about to end before she closed her eyes.
◯ **b.** To say that she saw her life in her mind very quickly like a movie.

8. **The main idea in paragraph three is:**
◯ **a.** Rosa has been to a place where she encountered a supernatural creature with her
◯ dog.
b. A supernatural creature almost killed Rosa but her dog saved her.

9. **The main idea in paragraph four is:**
◯ **a.** Rosa experienced something nobody believes is real.
◯ **b.** Rosa had a nightmare that was very realistic.

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