

Reading

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Please note that the clips are from the films which are classified as PG for some 'scary moments' and 'mild bad language' which you may not feel is appropriate for your child.

1. Read an extract from Harry Potter

- Read *Broomstick Lesson*. How do you think Harry was feeling? How is Madam Hooch described? How would you feel to be taught by her?
- Watch the film version of this scene. Do you notice anything that is different to the book? What is the same?

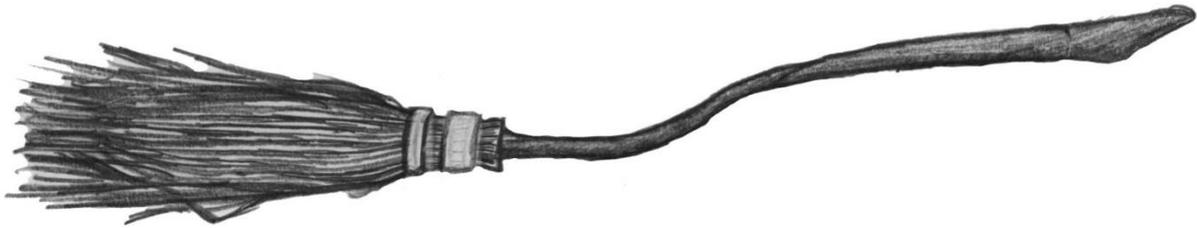
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2. Have a go at answering the questions on the next page, based on the Broomstick Lesson

Broomstick Lesson

At three-thirty that afternoon, Harry, Ron and the other Gryffindors hurried down the front steps into the grounds for their first flying lesson. It was a clear, breezy day and the grass rippled under their feet as they marched down the sloping lawns towards a smooth lawn on the opposite side of the grounds to the Forbidden Forest, whose trees were swaying darkly in the distance.

The Slytherins were already there, and so were twenty broomsticks lying in neat lines on the ground. Harry had heard Fred and George Weasley complain about the school brooms, saying that some of them started to vibrate if you flew too high, or always flew slightly to the left.



Their teacher, Madam Hooch, arrived. She had short, grey hair and yellow eyes like a hawk.

‘Well, what are you all waiting for?’ she barked. ‘Everyone stand by a broomstick. Come on, hurry up.’

Harry glanced down at his broom. It was old and some of the twigs stuck out at odd angles.

‘Stick out your right hand over your broom,’ called Madam Hooch at the front, ‘and say, “Up!”’

‘UP!’ everyone shouted.

Harry’s broom jumped into his hand at once, but it was one of the few that did. Hermione Granger’s had simply rolled over on the ground and Neville’s hadn’t moved at all. Perhaps brooms, like horses, could tell when you were afraid, thought Harry; there was a quaver in Neville’s voice that said only too clearly that he wanted to keep his feet on the ground.

Broomstick class

1. What time did the broomstick lesson start?
2. How do you think Harry felt about his broomstick lesson?
3. Would you like Madam Hooch as a teacher? Why?
4. What was the problem with the school brooms?
5. How do you think Harry felt when his broomstick flew into his hand first time?
6. What did Madam Hooch look like?
7. What did they need to do after they stood next to their broom?
8. Why do you think Neville was scared?