

Witches' and Wizards' Awards Ceremony



The 85th Annual Awards ceremony for witches and wizards was held in the Unicorn Hotel on top of Mount Drizzle last week. Three thousand and fifty-five witches and wizards, dressed in their finest gowns and hats, gathered to celebrate the year's best new spells, potions and lotions.

The hotel is very popular among witches and wizards and can only be reached by broomstick. The event was hosted by Grand Witch Gruffkin. The award for the best spell went to Wizard Wiggle whose spell for turning water into oil was judged to be one of the finest in the wizarding world. Witch Peach won the award for Best Potion; her potion for making chewing gum on city streets disappear was devised after she found that her cat Jasper had gum all over his paws. Wizard Wizzle won the award for Best Lotion; his lotion for making people look younger was said to be brilliant.

After the ceremony all the witches and wizards had a celebration dinner in the Moon Chamber dining room. Their cats and other familiars had a feast of their own in the stable block.

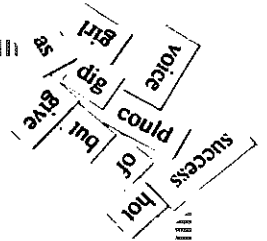


Questions

Answer the following questions with a full sentence:

1. Is this the first Annual Awards ceremony?
2. How often is an annual awards ceremony held?
3. What were the witches and wizards celebrating?
4. Where was the event being held and how does one get there?
5. Who won the award for Best Spell and what for?
6. Who won the award for Best Potion and what for?
7. Who won the award for Best Lotion and what for?
8. What room was used for the magicians' dinner?
9. Why did Witch Peach decide to invent a potion for making gum disappear?

Word work



Give the meaning of the following words:

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award

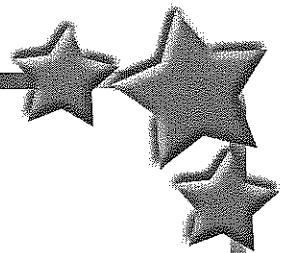
ceremony

annual

celebration

witch's familiar

Extension work



1. Imagine you are Witch Peach. Describe how you came to devise your potion.
2. Imagine you are Jasper the cat. Jasper is being interviewed by a newspaper reporter. Write what you think he might say about his part in the spell.
3. Write a paragraph for a witches' and wizards' travel guide, explaining why the Unicorn Hotel is such a super place to stay.
4. Describe what you think the Moon Chamber dining room looks like.
5. Why do you think turning water into oil is one of the '*finest ideas in the wizarding world*'?
6. The Grand Witch has organised a little surprise for the guests at the celebration dinner. What could it be?
7. Witches often have a cat as a familiar – that is a kind of cross between an animal servant and a friend. What other animals might the witches and wizards have as familiars?