

Annica's Broom

Note: These questions are designed to promote discussion, which is reflective of the purpose of this book. As adults, we often don't give children enough time to think before expecting them to respond. Educators call this "wait time". As you talk with the child or children you are working with, remember to allow them time to think and look at the book before interceding with your own thoughts or direction. Children learn best when they are guided to discover concepts on their own.

Prior to sharing this book, take some time to look up recent statistics regarding texting while driving. Since these statistics tend to change over time, it is appropriate to have the most current information possible. A quick Google search will give you the most up-to-date statistics.

Before reading questions:

1. Have you ever been in a car when the driver is using a cell phone?
2. How were they using it?
3. Do you think it is okay to text while driving a car? Why or why not?
 - a. Note: After the responses, this is the time to provide the current statistics on texting while driving.
4. (Show the front cover of the book.) What seems to be happening in this picture?
5. (Show the back cover of the book and read the blurb aloud.) Can someone tell me what they predict will happen in this story?

During reading questions:

1. (Page 5-end of second stanza) Do you think Annica will answer this text?
2. (After completing page 11) Officer Tate could seem rather scary, but how do you know he is going to help Annica?
 - Answer: "I can surely help you; I'm Officer Tate.
We need something to mend your whole battered state."

3. (After completing page 23) Annica can't wait to get back home? What do you think her mother is going to say and do when she sees Annica is safely home?

After reading questions:

1. What character did you like the best in this story? Why?
2. What two characters helped Annica the most? (Answer: Officer Tate and the Elf)
3. In your opinion, which of the two characters was the most helpful? Why do you think so?
4. What do you think the author of this story wanted you to learn?
5. Is there is place in the story where the message of the story is clearly written?
 - Answer: Pg. 23 "A message can wait; be on the ground before you text it.
Young witch, you can leave now. You have earned your exit."