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The Legend of Befana



1. Why did the townspeople think that Befana was a witch?
2. Befana lived all alone. Do you think she *needed* to spend all day cleaning and cooking? If not, why did she?
3. Whenever Befana baked, delicious smells '*wafted*' from her kitchen. What does *wafted* mean?
4. Befana would turn visitors away with a *brisk* "I'm much too busy for guests today." What does it mean to do, or say, something in a *brisk* way?
5. The three wise men invited Befana to join them in their '*quest*'. What is a *quest*?

The word '*question*' contains the root word '*quest*'. Explain how the two words are related.

6. What is the theme of this story? (What lesson does it teach?)