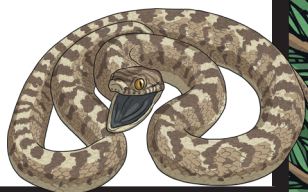
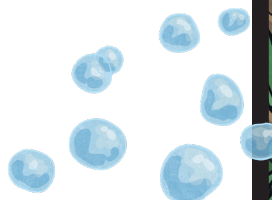


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## Quick Questions



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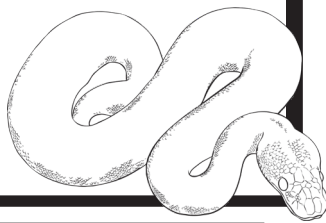
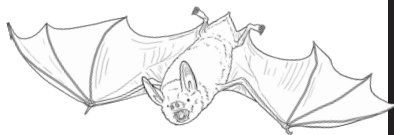
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## Answers

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**'Adder's fork' means an adder's tongue because an adder is a snake and snakes have a forked tongue.**

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**Accept any reasonable answers that mean the same as 'charmed', such as: magic**

3. How many days and nights has the toad been under a cold stone?



**The toad has been under a cold stone for thirty-one days and nights.**

4. What do you think the three witches are doing? Why do you think that?



**Accept any reasonable answers that include the use of a cauldron and unusual ingredients being added to it as a fire burns and it bubbles.**

