

Story starter!



Step by careful step, she plodded along the muddy track. The thick, cloying fog seemed to be following her, but she knew that wasn't true. It moved all around her, in and amongst the trees and across the path ahead of her; just another problem for her to overcome.

She had travelled such a long way. Such things she had seen along the road...things she never wished to talk about. Not that that was likely. It had been over two weeks since she had seen another living soul. Nowadays, the road that was once so busy with travellers was now seemingly abandoned.

Holding her crooked staff in her left hand for support, and her rusty, reliable lantern in her right, the old lady took another step towards her destination. Her feet were wet and tired, and she could feel what was the beginning of a blister forming on the soul of her left foot; yet another problem. They seemed endless these days.

She sighed, realising that there was still so far to go...



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Question time!

- ▶ Can you continue the story of the old lady on the lonely road? Where had she come from? Where was she heading? What problems could she have encountered along the way?
- ▶ Had she always travelled alone, or had she started her journey with companions?
- ▶ Is her stick 'just a stick' or does it have another function?
- ▶ 'Respect your elders'
- ▶ What do you think this means? Has anyone ever said this to you?
- ▶ Are older people wiser? Why do you think it is important to listen to what older people have to say?

Perfect picture!

Think about where she might live. What kind of house would it be? What would it have inside? Draw or write what you have imagined.





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Sentence challenge!

Can you use an ellipsis to create suspense in your writing?

Out of the swirling mist it came... A voice gently calling to her from the forest.

Tap...Tap...Tap...The sound of her staff on the road echoed around in the fog as she slowly trudged along.

The path was seemingly without end... Desolate, empty... It was a complete mystery.

Sick sentences!

These sentences are 'sick' and need help to get better. Can you help?

- ▶ The lady walked on the road.
- ▶ She carried a stick in her hand.

