Miss Hardbroom's Laughter Spell

Have you ever felt heart-broken and sad? Need cheering up? Well, this spell may be for you! If you follow these instructions carefully, within minutes you'll be rolling on the floor in hysterics! This is the perfect remedy for turning your frown upside down!

What you will need:

200ml murky water from the pond at Cackle's Academy for Witches

One handful of pondweed (gathered at midnight)

Two whiskers from a new-born kitten (must be all black)

75g of soil

A large black cauldron

An open fire

Four small cups

Method:

1. Ignite the flame on your fire and place your cauldron directly on top of it.

2. Next, pour in the pond water. Be careful not to spill any liquid over the edge!

3. When the liquid has boiled, drop in the whiskers.

4. Stir for two minutes.

5. After that, add one handful of pondweed and whisk quickly until the mixture becomes frothy.

6. Before adding the soil, make sure your mixture is pink in colour. Any other colour at this stage could spell disaster!

7. Slowly stir in the soil. This should thicken your mixture.

8. Leave to simmer for approximately one hour.

9. Finally, share the liquid between the cups and enjoy!

Note: Do not drink more than one cup of the mixture! This could have serious consequences!

If you have followed these instructions carefully, you should now be bent over in laughter with tears streaming down your face! Have fun but remember to use this spell safely.

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1. Why has the author used a question in the introduction?
2. How much of the potion are you allowed to drink?
3. Which step do I add in the whiskers?
4. What would happen if your mixture was blue after adding the soil?
5. What makes the mixture frothy?
6. What consequences could there be for drinking more than 1 cup?
7. Find and underline the sentence that opens with a subordinate clause.
8. Underline an example of Show not Tell.
9. Explain the meaning of these words
10. Thicken
11. Approximately
12. Remedy
13. Disaster