## Witch Burning

## **Monty Python**

- We have found a witch. May we burn her?
  - Burn her!
  - How do you know she is a witch?
    - She looks like one.
    - Bring her forward.
    - I am not a witch.
    - But you are dressed as one.
    - They dressed me up like this.
      - We didn't!
  - And this isn't my nose. It's a false one.
    - Well?
    - Well, we did do the nose.
      - The nose?
    - And the hat. But she is a witch.
      - Burn her!
    - Did you dress her up like this?
      - No.
      - Yes.
    - Yes, a bit. She has got a wart.
  - What makes you think she is a witch?
    - Well, she turned me into a newt.
      - A newt?
      - I got better.
      - Burn her anyway.
        - Burn her!
- Quiet! There are ways of telling whether she is a witch.
  - Are there? What are they? Tell us.
  - Tell me, what do you do with witches?
    - Burn them!
  - What do you burn apart from witches?
    - More witches!
      - Wood.
    - So, why do witches burn?
    - 'Cause they're made of wood?
      - Good!
  - So, how do we tell whether she is made of wood?
    - Build a bridge out of her.
    - Can you not also make bridges of stone?
      - Oh, yeah.
      - Does wood sink in water?
        - No.
        - It floats.

- Throw her into the pond!
- What also floats in water?
  - Bread.
  - Apples.
  - Very small rocks.
    - Cider.
    - Cherries.
    - Gravy.
    - Mud.
    - Churches.
      - Lead.
    - A duck!
    - Exactly.

So, logically...

- If she weighs the same as a duck...

She's made of wood.

- And, therefore...
  - A witch!
  - A witch!

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