

## THE BFG, by Roald Dahl

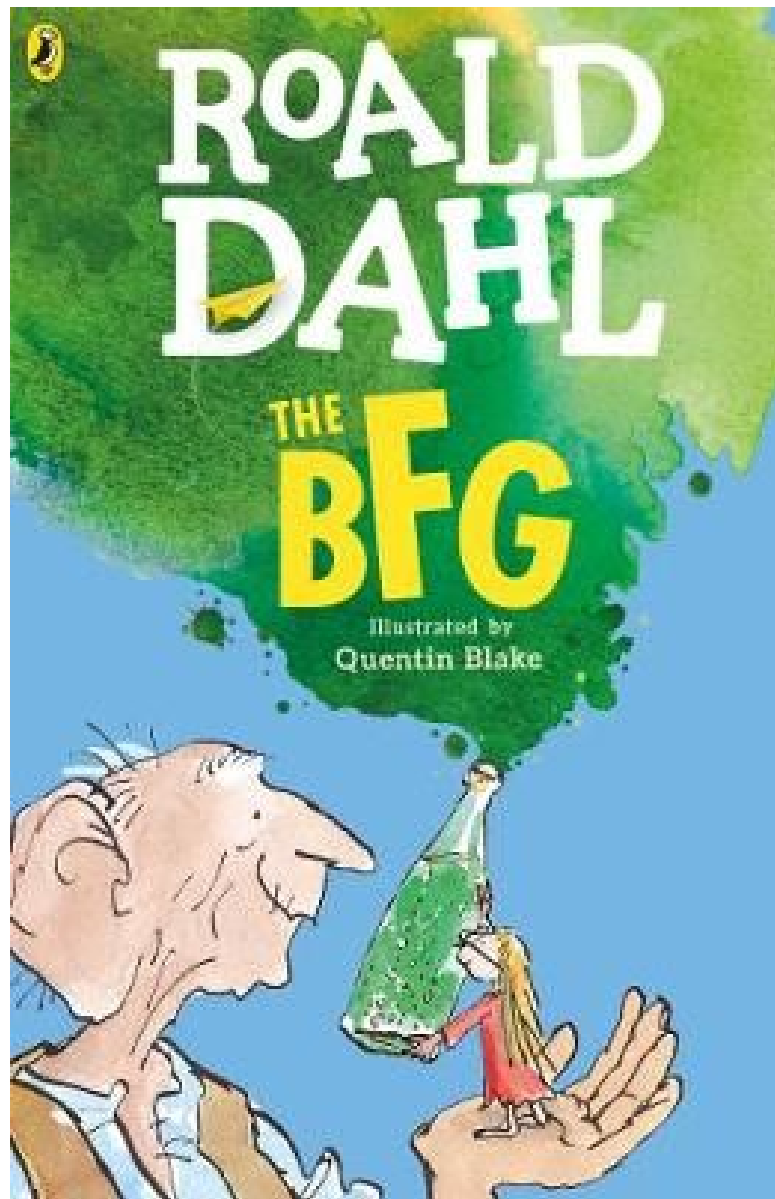
### Before reading...

Look at the front cover.

- What do you think the book will be about?
- What things can you see on the front cover?
- What sort of story will it be?
- Who might enjoy it?

### Now read the blurb...

- Were any of your predictions correct?



## 1. The Witching Hour & Who?

### Vocabulary:

- What is 'dozing'?
- Find an example of a simile.
- What is a 'giant'?
- Think of a synonym for 'yelp'.

### Infer:

- Why were there no people outside?
- Why did Sophie suddenly freeze?
- Why does Sophie wear glasses?
- Why couldn't it be a human that she saw?
- Why couldn't Sophie scream?
- Why did Sophie hide under her blanket?

### Predict:

- What is the Giant going to do?
- Will Sophie be seen?

### Explain:

- How does Dahl use italics?
- How does Dahl use questions in these chapters?
- How does Dahl make the BFG sound scary?

### Retrieve:

- What was the witching hour?
- What happened if you were caught coming out of bed at night?
- What was the Giant carrying?
- What was the Giant wearing?
- What does the Giant keep in his suitcase?
- What does the Giant do when he goes to people's rooms?

### Summarise:

- Summarise these chapters in one word.
- Describe how you would feel if you were Sophie in one word.

## 2. The Snatch & The Cave

### Vocabulary:

- Find an example of a metaphor.
- How many synonyms for 'big' can you think of?
- Define 'curious'.
- Find an example of a simile.

### Infer:

- Why is it awful that Sophie cannot see?
- Why could the Giant cross the fields in on stride?
- Why does Sophie think the Giant wants to eat her?
- Why was the Giant puffing mightily?
- Why was Sophie trembling in the cave?
- Why is the Giant's voice so loud?

### Predict:

- Why does the Giant snatch Sophie?
- Where will he take her?

### Explain:

- What is the effect of Dahl asking 'if you can think of anything more terrifying than that happening to you in the middle of the night, then let's hear about it'?
- How does Dahl emphasise how fast they are going?
- What is the effect of ending with the Giant asking 'what has us got here'?

### Retrieve:

- What does the Giant do to Sophie?
- What does Sophie see when she sticks her head out of the blanket?
- How long is each of the Giant's strides?
- Where did the Giant live?
- What does Sophie think the Giant is going to do to her?
- What clothes did the Giant wear?

### Summarise:

- Describe the cave in one word.
- Describe the Giant in one word.

### 3. The BFG & The Giants

#### Vocabulary:

- What is 'patriotism'?
- Find 5 examples of vocabulary that Dahl makes up.
- Find an example of oxymoron.
- Think of a synonym for 'frightening'.

#### Infer:

- Why does the Giant laugh when Sophie says 'please don't eat me'?
- Why is Sophie's sense of patriotism bruised?
- Why does Sophie keep correcting the Giant?
- Why is Sophie so pleased when she finds out the BFG's name?
- Why does Sophie want to stop watching the giants?
- Why can't the BFG stop the Giants from eating people?

#### Predict:

- Will Sophie meet the other giants?
- What will happen in the BFG's cave?

#### Explain:

- What is the effect of the ellipses in 'P... please don't eat me'?
- Do you think Sophie is brave? Why?
- What is the effect of the BFG using strange words?

#### Retrieve:

- What does BFG stand for?
- What country have they come to?
- What do Bonecrunching Giants eat? Why?
- Why don't Giants eat Greeks?
- Why did the BFG take Sophie away?
- How many giants are out there?

#### Summarise:

- How would Sophie feel when she is told about the other giants?
- Describe the other Giants in one word.

#### 4. The Marvellous Ears & Snozzcubers

##### Vocabulary:

- What is an 'orphan'?
- Define 'astonishment'.
- What does 'preposterous' mean?
- What words does the BFG use that mean the same as 'disgusting'?

##### Infer:

- What makes the BFG sad?
- Why is Sophie worried about having to stay in the orphanage forever?
- Why can the BFG hear so well?
- Why don't giants die?
- Why doesn't the BFG steal food?
- Why does Sophie love the way the BFG talks?

##### Predict:

- What food will a snozzcumber resemble?
- Will they find other kinds of food?

##### Explain:

- Why does the BFG speak strangely?
- What do the illustrations add to the story?

##### Retrieve:

- How many girls are in the orphanage?
- Who runs the orphanage?
- How would you be punished if you got out of bed at night?
- What was the BFG doing in the village?
- Is there such a thing as a woman giant?
- How are giants born?
- What does the snozzcumber taste like to Sophie? And to the BFG?

##### Summarise:

- Describe the snozzcumber in one word.
  - Summarise how Sophie would be feeling in one word.
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**HOMEWORK:**

Imagine you are **Sophie**. Write a **diary entry** about **meeting the BFG**.

**OR**

**How** does Roald Dahl make **the opening** of the book **exciting**?