

THE BFG, by Roald Dahl

Lesson 2

1. The Bloodbottler & Froboscottle and Wizzpoppers

Vocabulary:

- What is a 'runt'?
- What does 'bravo' mean?
- Think of a synonym for 'delicious'.
- What is 'ecstasy'?

Infer:

- Why does the Bloodbottler think there is someone in the cave?
- Why is he called the Bloodbottler?
- Why does the BFG think Sophie couldn't have left the table?
- Why does the Bloodbottler say the BFG is not fit to be a giant?
- What does Sophie think will happen if bubbles go *downwards* in someone's tummy?
- Why does the BFG love frobscottle?

Predict:

- What will a 'bloodbottler' be?
- What will a 'wizzpopper' be?

Explain:

- How does Dahl make the Bloodbottler seem scary?
- Would you drink frobscottle? Why?

Retrieve:

- Find 3 examples of insulting names that the Bloodbottler calls the BFG.
- How tall is the Bloodbottler?
- Where does Sophie hide?
- What direction do the bubbles go in frobscottle?
- What is whizpopping?
- What fizzy drinks does Sophie mention?

Summarise:

- Describe the Bloodbottler in one word.
- Summarise how Sophie would feel when the Bloodbottler comes in in one word.

2. Journey to Dream Country & Dream Catching

Vocabulary:

- What does it seem if something is 'partly' over?
- What does someone mean when they say something is an 'experience'?
- What does 'guzzling' mean?
- Define 'distressed'.

Infer:

- Why is Sophie feeling much better at the start of the chapter?
- Why does Sophie initially not want to go dream-catching?
- Why is it impossible to keep away from the Fleshlumpeating Giant?
- Why does the BFG not want to catch bad dreams? How can the BFG tell if a dream is good or bad?
- Why do nastier dreams thrash more when they are bottled?

Predict:

- How will they get to 'Dream Country'?
- How will they catch dreams?

Explain:

- What is the effect of ending the chapter with the BFG saying 'This is where all dreams is beginning'?
- What do we learn about the giants from their names?
- Would you go with the BFG to catch dreams? Why?

Retrieve:

- What does the BFG catch dreams with?
- Where does the BFG hide Sophie?
- What do the giants do to the BFG?
- Name 3 other giants.
- How does the BFG catch and keep the dreams?
- What does a dream look like?

Summarise:

- Describe dream country in one word.
- How would you describe a nightmare?

3. A Trogglehumper for the Fleshlumpeater & Dreams

Vocabulary:

- What does 'diabolical' mean?
- Find an example of onomatopoeia.
- Define 'infinite'.
- What is patience?

Infer:

- Why does the BFG think Sophie is actually the age she says she is?
- Why did the BFG wink at Sophie?
- Why does the BFG want to play a trick on the Fleshlumpeater?
- Why does the BFG treat the dreams with 'great care and patience'?
- Why does the BFG think humans aren't as clever as they think they are?
- Why can the BFG not stop the giants from going to the school?

Predict:

- What will happen to the Fleshlumpeater?
- What will the BFG do with the dreams?

Explain:

- What is the effect of having a short sentence by itself?
- Is the trick that the BFG plays on the other giants fair?
- Do you agree that humans refuse to believe things unless they see it with their own eyes?

Retrieve:

- How many years has a human being who is 50 spent sleeping?
- How old is Sophie?
- What does the BFG plan to do to the Fleshlumpeater?
- Who is the only human being that giants are frightened of?
- What happens in the first dream that Sophie reads about?
- Describe what happens in another of the dreams.

Summarise:

- Describe how the Fleshlumpeater feels in one word.
- How does the reader feel at the end of these chapters?

4. The Great Plan & Mixing the Dream

Vocabulary:

- Define 'appetite'.
- Think of a synonym for 'disgusting'.
- What does it mean if you 'can't bear' something?
- What does 'famished' mean?

Infer:

- Why can the BFG not stop the giants?
- Why does the BFG think the queen won't believe Sophie?
- Why would the queen's soldiers shoot the BFG?
- Why does Sophie not want to give the queen the nightmare?
- Why does Sophie refuse to sit next to the dream-bottle?
- Why does it sound like Sophie is talking so loud to the BFG?

Predict:

- Will they do something to stop the giants?
- Will their plan work?

Explain:

- How does Dahl build anticipation?
- Is the plan good? Why?

Retrieve:

- Why does the BFG not want to show himself to human beings?
- What are human beings 'not famous for'?
- Who does the Fleshlumpeater long to eat?
- What does Sophie plan to do?
- What happens in the dream?
- How big was the dream?

Summarise:

- Summarise the plan in one word.
 - Describe the nightmare in one word.
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HOMEWORK:

Use the **dreams** explored in the chapters as **inspiration**. Write a **short story** about a **dream**.

OR

Would you be **scared** of the **BFG**? **Explain** why.