

## The BFG, by Roald Dahl

### 1. Journey to London & The Palace

#### **Vocabulary:**

- What is 'galloping'?
- Why does Dahl describe the plan as a 'mission'?
- What does 'curious' mean?
- Find an example of a simile.

#### **Infer:**

- Why does Sophie feel ill when she thinks of the 'girlsies and boysies... no longer sleeping in their beds'?
- Why are there no lights on in the houses?
- Why is the BFG confused to find green in the middle of London?
- How does Sophie have the same view as the BFG?
- Why does the queen have watchmen?

#### **Predict:**

- Will they be spotted?
- What will happen at the palace?

#### **Explain:**

- Why is the chapter called 'the palace'?
- How does Dahl build tension in these chapters?
- How would you feel if you were Sophie?

#### **Retrieve:**

- What is Sophie wearing?
- Which park do they stop in?
- What is the statue of?
- What is the BFG an 'expert' on? Why?
- What furniture is in the room?

#### **Summarise:**

- Describe the palace in one word.
- Summarise the journey in one word.

## 2. The Queen & The Royal Breakfast

### Vocabulary:

- Define 'absurd'.
- What does 'stirring' mean?
- What does 'vivid' mean?

### Infer:

- Why does Sophie find the idea 'absurd'?
- Why was the queen's voice slightly blurred?
- Why does Sophie feel sorry for the queen?
- Why did the other maid go pale?
- Why did Mary drop the breakfast?
- Why does the BFG eat so much more than anyone else?

### Predict:

- Will the queen accept the BFG?
- Will the giants be beaten?

### Explain:

- What is the effect of Sophie questioning whether the plan will work?
- Is the queen's reaction to the BFG believable?

### Retrieve:

- What is the name of the queen's maid?
- What was the newspaper headline?
- What does the queen wear?
- How tall is the BFG?
- What food is served for breakfast?
- Who does the queen summon to combat the giants?

### Summarise:

- How would the queen feel when she first saw the BFG?
- Describe how the breakfast would taste to the BFG in one word.

### 3. The Plan & Capture!

#### Vocabulary:

- What is 'the land of Nod'?
- What is 'skimming'?
- Define 'grotesque'.
- What does it mean 'to give someone their due'?

#### Infer:

- Why does the queen not want to murder the giants?
- Why do they need 9 helicopters?
- Why does the Army General think the BFG is a lunatic?
- Why was the BFG not frightened of going to Giant Country this time?
- Why does the BFG say that the Fleshlumpeater was bitten by a snake?
- Why is it an 'amazing spectacle'?

#### Predict:

- What will happen when the giants are back in England?
- How will Sophie be rewarded?

#### Explain:

- What do the illustrations add to these chapters?
- How does Dahl emphasise the bravery of the soldiers?
- Is this plan ethical?

#### Retrieve:

- How long does it take for the queen to explain the situation?
- In what two other countries else have disappearances been occurring?
- What does the BFG suggest they do to catch the giants?
- How tall are the giants?
- How was the Fleshlumpeater causing trouble?
- When did they arrive back in England?

#### Summarise:

- Describe how you would feel if you were one of the soldiers.
- Summarise how the giants would feel in one word.

#### 4. Feeding Time & The Author

##### Vocabulary:

- What does 'colossal' mean?
- Define 'permanently'.
- What is 'gratitude'?
- What does it mean when someone says 'there was no end to the gratitude of the world'?

##### Infer:

- Why was the hole so deep?
- Why does the BFG think he can safely go into the hole with the giants?
- Why are there thousands of spectators?
- Why was it a pleasure to hear the howls and groans of the giants?
- Why was everyone so thankful to Sophie and the BFG?
- Why was it a 'disaster' when the drunken men climbed over the fence?

##### Predict:

- Will Sophie go back to the orphanage?
- What will happen to the BFG?

##### Explain:

- How does Dahl emphasise how thankful people were?
- What might happen in a sequel to this story?
- Is this a happy ending?

##### Retrieve:

- How many men work on digging the hole?
- How big is the hole?
- What are the giants given to eat?
- Name three presents that Sophie and the BFG are sent.
- Where is the BFG's new house built?
- What book did the BFG write?

##### Summarise:

- Describe how Sophie and the BFG feel at the end in one word.
  - Sum up this story in three words.
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**HOMEWORK:**

Design a **giant!** Think about what it would be **called**, what it would **look like**, and what it **would do**.

**OR**

**What** was your **favourite part** of the book and **why?**