

ROALD DAHL

Summer Reading for Rising 4th Graders

Hey!

The book I've chosen for you to read is The BFG by Roald Dahl. This is a great book to read because it is not too difficult, it introduces you to some interesting (and maybe relatable) characters, and there is a movie that goes with it you can watch when you've finished reading! I read this book to my class I had when I was studying to become a teacher. It is fun to read on your own or with friends, or parents, or siblings

The novel study that goes with this book is designed to introduce you to a lot of the reading and comprehension concepts that you will be learning in fourth grade. There is a page or two that is made to be answered after each chapter. Some questions are multiple choice, some are written answer, and some you will even get to draw a picture!

Important!

Directions on each question should be read carefully, and you are encouraged to look up definitions for any words you are unfamiliar with. This study will help you to feel more prepared for the type of reading comprehension and questions we will have in fourth grade. Any question with more than one line for the answer should be answered in a complete sentence. A complete sentence has a noun and tells us what that noun is doing, has done, or will do. If a question asks you to "cite evidence to support your answer," this means you should state what page in the story you learned what you've included in your answer. You should also tell what specifically was said that helped you come to your answer.

If you need more room than what is provided on the page, you may use notebook paper and attach it to the back (include the chapter and question it is from). This novel study is due the first week of school, as we will be going over it together to learn some vocabulary and concepts that we will explore more throughout the year.

I hope you enjoy this book as much as I do! Have fun reading, and I can't wait to read your thoughts and opinions.

The BFG



NOVEL STUDY

Name: _____

Before Reading:

Predict: Look at the cover and the illustrations throughout the book. Make a prediction of what you believe this book is about. What do you believe the BFG is?

After Chapter 1: The Witching Hour

Point of View: From which point of view is this story written?

- a) First person
- b) Third person

Which word(s) helped you to determine the point of view?

Narrative Elements: What is the setting at the start of the story?

Setting:

Vocabulary: *"She longed to duck underneath them and lean out of the window to see what the world looked like now that the witching hour was at hand."*

What does the word longed most likely mean?

- a) extending a relatively great length or height
- b) possessing more than enough of something
- c) to want something very much

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 1 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"The moonbeam was like a silver blade slicing through the room onto her face."

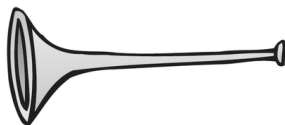
Reflect: *"...the village street she knew so well seemed completely different."* How was the street outside of Sophie's window different?

After Chapter 2: Who?

Infer: *"The tall black figure was coming her way."*

Which best describes how Sophie felt as the figure approached?

- a) curious; interested
- b) eager; enthusiastic
- c) frightened; terrified



Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 2 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"And there she crouched, still as a mouse, and tingling all over."

Read for Details: What two items was the Giant carrying?

1) _____

2) _____

Reread to Clarify: *"...Sophie watched and held her breath."* What did Sophie watch the Giant do at the Goochey residence?

After Chapter 3: The Snatch

Reflect: *"Under the blanket, Sophie waited."* What happened as Sophie hid under her blanket?

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 3 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"She was being bumped against the Giant's leg like a sack of potatoes."

Reread to Clarify: What does Sophie believe the Giant is going to do with her?

- Imprison her with the other children he caught.
- Eat her for breakfast.
- Keep her as a pet.



Predict: Why do you suppose the Giant took Sophie?

After Chapter 4: The Cave

Reflect: *"Sophie felt herself being lowered to the ground."* To where did the Giant take Sophie? What lined the walls of this place?

Cite Evidence: Cite one piece of evidence from the chapter to support the following statement:

Sophie was terrified as she sat on the floor of the cave.

Create Mental Images: Good readers form images in their mind as they read. Draw the image you formed in your mind of the Giant's footwear.



After Chapter 5: The BFG

Read for Details: *"I is the BFG."* What does BFG stand for?

Synonyms and Antonyms: Write a synonym and an antonym for the underlined word.

"He had truly enormous ears."

Synonym of enormous: _____

Antonym of enormous: _____

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 5 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"He says Turks from Turkey is tasting of turkey."

Reread to Clarify: According to the BFG, how is he different from the other giants in Giant Country?

After Chapter 6: The Giants

Cause and Effect: Fill in the cause.

Cause: _____

Effect: The BFG snatched Sophie from her bed and ran away with her.

Read for Details: According to the BFG, how long must Sophie stay with him in the cave?

- a) one month
- b) one year
- c) For the rest of her life.

Read for Details: How tall is the BFG?

- a) 24 feet tall
- b) 44 feet tall
- c) 54 feet tall



Read for Details: Which is the only country a giant will not gobble human beings from?

- a) Greece
- b) Norway
- c) United States

Vocabulary: *"If any person ever reported actually having seen a giant haunting the streets of a town at night, there would most certainly be a terrific hullabaloo across the world."*

What does the word hullabaloo most likely mean?

- a) noisy excitement or fuss
- b) a failure to notice or acknowledge something
- c) boring because of being long, monotonous, or repetitive

Read for Details: How many of the larger man-eating giants live in Giant Country?

- a) 9 giants
- b) 19 giants
- c) 90 giants

Parts of Speech: *"He rolled the huge stone to one side..."*

Which part of speech is huge as used above?

- a) adjective
- b) conjunction
- c) noun

Connect: How do you suppose Sophie feels about Giant Country after speaking with the BFG?

Explain your thinking.

After Chapter 7: The Marvelous Ears

Reread to Clarify: "*No one is going to be worrying too much about me.*" According to Sophie, why isn't anyone going to be worried she is missing?

Infer: Which best describes how the BFG felt when he learned about Sophie's time at the orphanage?

- a) amused; pleased
- b) depressed; sad
- c) uninterested; unconcerned

Reread to Clarify: What was the BFG doing in Sophie's village the previous night?

Reflect: "*How do you catch them?*" How does the BFG catch the dreams?

- a) With a net.
- b) He sucks them up through the air with a straw.
- c) He uses a music box to bring them to the cave.

After Chapter 8: Snozzcubmers

Reflect: *"Here is the repulsant snozzcumber!"* The BFG does not like snozzcubmers. Why must he eat them?

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocab. words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"They is common animals,' said the BFG contemptuously."

contemptuously - _____

Read for Details: *"Ugggggggggggh!"* What two things did Sophie say the snozzcumber tastes of?

1) _____

2) _____

Infer: *"I think you speak beautifully."* How did the BFG feel when Sophie complimented his speaking?

- a) angry; annoyed
- b) in disbelief; doubtful
- c) pleased; overjoyed

After Chapter 9: The Bloodbottler

Reflect: *"Look out! It's the Bloodbottler."* Why did the Bloodbottler come to the BFG's cave?

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 9 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"The creature came clumping into the cave..."

Reflect: Where did Sophie hide while the Bloodbottler searched for a human being?

- a) In the BFG's cloak.
- b) Inside the snozzcumber.
- c) Under a pile of snozzcumber seeds.



Vocabulary: *"It was not in the least difficult to believe that this ghastly brute ate men, women and children every night."*

What does the word ghastly most likely mean?

- a) appearing to request help or sympathy
- b) having pleasing or attractive qualities
- c) horrifying, shocking, or very upsetting

Reflect: The BFG did not know Sophie was hiding inside the snozzcumber. Why did the BFG want the Bloodbottler to take a bite of the snozzcumber?

Cause and Effect: Fill in the effect.

Cause: The Bloodbottler took a bite of the snozzcumber with Sophie hidden inside.

Effect: _____

Parts of Speech: *"The BFG picked her up and held her tenderly in the palm of his hand."*

Which part of speech is tenderly as used above?

- a) adverb
- b) interjection
- c) preposition

Reflect: What does the BFG want to do with the other giants in Giant Country?

**After Chapter 10: Frobscottle and
Whizzpoppers**

Summarize: Summarize Chapter 10. Be sure to include the central (main) idea of the story.

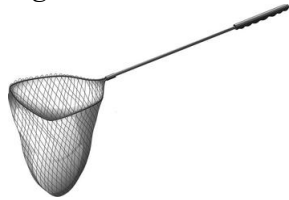
After Chapter 11: Journey to Dream Country

Infer: *"Is you wishing to come with me?"* How did Sophie feel about going with the BFG to catch wishes?

- a) She was eager to go with the BFG to see how he collects the dreams.
- b) She did not want to go with the BFG so she wouldn't have to see the other giants.

Read for Details: *"That is the horriblemest of them all."* According to the BFG, which giant is the worst?

- a) Bloodbottler
- b) Fleshlumpeater
- c) Gizzardgulper



Reread to Clarify: *"But if all these people are disappearing every night, surely there's some sort of an outcry?"* According to the BFG, what are two reasons humans do not notice the disappearing humans?

- 1) _____

- 2) _____

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 11 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"He is simply reaching down and snitching it off the street like a monkey taking a nut."

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocab. words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"...the dead trees stood and where all the other giants were skulking about."

skulking - _____

Reflect: According to the BFG, in what way are human beings different from any other animal?

Read for Details: To where did the BFG take Sophie?

- a) Dream Country
- b) Dreamland
- c) Dreamville

After Chapter 12: Dream-Catching

Infer: *"It's a golden phizzwizard!"* Which best describes how the BFG felt as he caught the golden phizzwizard?

- a) aggravated; irritated
- b) bewildered; confused
- c) excited; enthusiastic



Cause and Effect: Fill in the cause.

Cause: _____

Effect: The BFG stopped dream-catching for the day. *"Dream-catching is finished for today."*

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocab. words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"It is a trogglehumper!" cried the exasperated BFG."

exasperated - _____

Which is **not** a synonym of exasperated?

- a) annoyed
- b) frustrated
- c) relaxed

After Chapter 13: A Trogglehumper for the Fleshlumpeater

Reflect: *"You is not eight at all."* Why does the BFG consider Sophie to be a four year old?

Read for Details: *"Sophie, peeping out from her pocket, examined the nine sleeping giants."* What are three adjectives used to describe the sleeping giants?

- 1) _____ 3) _____
- 2) _____

Cause and Effect: Fill in the effect.

Cause: The BFG used his trumpet to blow the trogglehumper into the sleeping Fleshlumpeater's face.

Effect: _____

Reflect: What was the Fleshlumpeater's horrific nightmare about?

Word Meaning—Prefix: *"Taking infinite care, the BFG unscrewed the top of the glass jar..."*

Underline the base word and circle the prefix in

unscrewed

What does the prefix mean? _____

In which word does the prefix 'un-' mean the same as it does in 'unscrewed':

- a) uniform b) underwear c) unpredictable

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 13 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"The Fleshlumpeater was writhing about over the ground like some colossal tortured snake."

Infer: Which best describes how the BFG felt as the giants brawled amongst themselves?

- a) amused; pleased
b) angry; frustrated
c) horrified; frightened

After Chapter 14: Dreams

Reread to Clarify: *"They is nearly all of them notmuchers and squeakpips."* According to the BFG, what is the matter with human beings and how they think?

Create Mental Images: *"Look in the jar carefully and I think you will be seeing this dream."* Good readers form images in their mind as they read. Draw the image you formed in your mind of the phizzwizard in the jar.



Infer: Which best describes how Sophie felt about the boy's dreams?

- a) Sophie thought the dreams were ridiculous.
- b) Sophie thought the dreams were intelligent.

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocab. words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"The BFG gazed at her for a while longer, then he bent his head again to his slow laborious writing."

laborious - _____

Reread to Clarify: How did the BFG learn to write?

Read for Details: To where are the nine grotesque giants going this evening to eat human beings?

- a) England
- b) Norway
- c) Turkey

Connect: Of the dreams Sophie read, which did you find the most interesting? Explain your thinking.

After Chapter 15: The Great Plan

Reflect: *"Do you always know where they're going?"*

How does the BFG know which country the giants are going to each night?

- a) They tell him as the rush past him.
- b) The Fleshlumpeater begs the BFG to go with them each night.
- c) The BFG gets an invitation from the giants to join them.

Reflect: Why does the BFG refuse to try to stop the giants from eating the English children?

Reread to Clarify: *"I've got it! By golly, I think I've got it!"* Describe Sophie's *Great Plan*.

After Chapter 16: Mixing the Dream

Infer: How did the BFG feel as he searched for the dreams to combine to make the desired dream? Cite evidence to support your answer.

Read for Details: How long did the BFG spend finding the proper dreams to mix?

- a) 3 minutes
- b) 30 minutes
- c) 2 hours

Reflect: *"Good heavens! Is that it?"* Why was Sophie surprised when she saw the mixed dream?

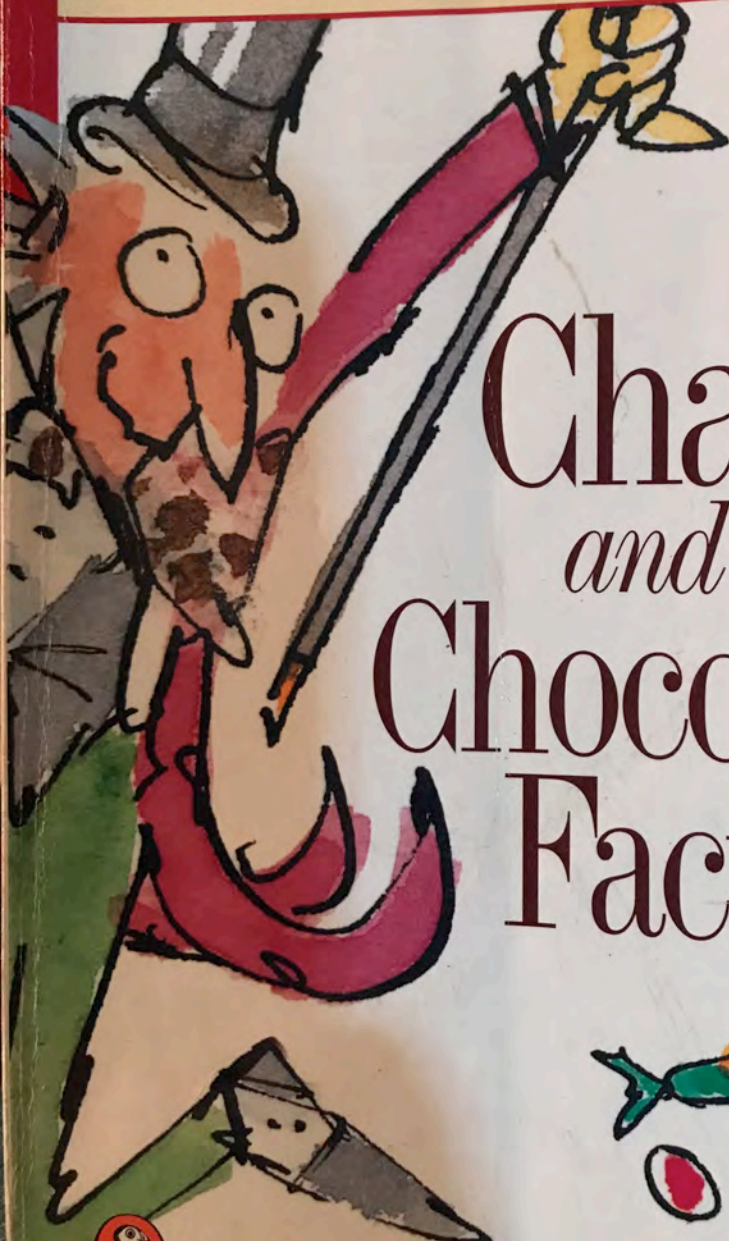
Read for Details: *"We is off to meet Her Majesty the Queen!"* Where is Sophie riding on the BFG as they depart for London?

- a) In his cloak pocket.
- b) On top of his briefcase.
- c) In his ear.



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ILLUSTRATED BY QUENTIN BLAKE

A whimsical illustration by Quentin Blake. A man in a grey top hat and a red coat is pouring a thick stream of red chocolate from a silver tray into a large, stylized red letter 'C'. The 'C' is the first letter of the word 'Charlie'. In the background, there are other figures, including one in a green coat and another in a grey coat. Scattered around are various colorful candies: a blue one with a star, a red one with a star, a green one with a star, and a red one with a star. The background is a light beige color with a red border at the top and bottom.

Charlie
and the
Chocolate
Factory

After Chapter 17: Journey to London

Vocabulary: *"Sophie peered over the rim of the ear and watched the desolate landscape of Giant Country go whizzing by."*

What does the word desolate most likely mean?

- a) bare, uninhabited, and deserted
- b) with a large number of inhabitants
- c) confident, optimistic, and focusing on good things rather than bad

Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 17 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"He flew high over Hyde Park Corner and landed as softly as a cat on the sidewalk at the other side."

Predict: *"'We're in the Queen's back garden!'"* Do you think Sophie's plan is going to work? Why or why not? Explain your thinking.

After Chapter 18: The Palace

Reflect: "*We has a lady sleeping in there.*" How was the BFG able to determine which room the Queen was sleeping in?

Parts of Speech: "*...she saw a man padding softly across the lawn.*"

Which part of speech is softly as used above?

- a) adverb
- b) conjunction
- c) noun



Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 18 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"Now he was withdrawing the trumpet, sliding it out very very carefully, like a thermometer."

Cite Evidence: Cite one piece of evidence from the chapter to support the following statement:

The BFG cares for Sophie.

After Chapter 19: The Queen

Infer: How did the Queen feel when she woke? Cite evidence to support your answer.

Cause and Effect: Fill in the cause.

Cause: _____

Effect: Mary, the Queen's maid, dropped the tray she was carrying. "*You've gone as white as a sheet!*"

Synonyms and Antonyms: Write a synonym and an antonym for the underlined word.

"She is having the dream, Sophie told herself. It must be really horrid. I feel so sorry for her."

Synonym of horrid: _____

Antonym of horrid: _____

Word Meaning—Prefix: *"She found it almost impossible to believe that she, Sophie, a little orphan of no real importance..."*

Underline the base word and circle the prefix in:

impossible

What does the prefix mean? _____

In which word does the prefix 'im-' mean the same as it does in 'impossible'?

- a) imagine b) imitate c) immobile

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocab. words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"Sophie looked beseechingly toward the Queen for help."

beseechingly - _____

Predict: The Queen invited Sophie and the BFG to join her for breakfast. Do you think the BFG should enter the palace? Do you think the palace is a safe place for the BFG? Why or why not?

After Chapter 20: The Royal Breakfast

Reread to Clarify: *"The Queen lifted the receiver. 'Get me the King of Sweden.'" Why did the Queen call the King of Sweden?*

Cite Evidence: Cite one piece of evidence from the chapter to support the following statement:

The BFG ate an astounding amount of eggs.

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocab. words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"Mr. Tibbs scowled. He directed four footmen to clear up the mess."

scowl - _____

Which of the following faces is scowling?

a)



b)



c)



Parts of Speech: "Whoopee! That is better than bagpipes, is it not, Majester?"

Which part of speech is Whoopee! as used above?

- a) adverb
- b) interjection
- c) noun

Reflect: "*That proves it.*" Which capital city did the Queen call to verify the BFG is telling the truth about the man-eating giants?

- a) Baghdad
- b) Budapest
- c) Islamabad



Figurative Language: Write the type of figurative language used in the following Chapter 20 excerpt.

hyperbole	simile	metaphor
alliteration	personification	onomatopoeia

"It's hardly a joking matter when one's loyal subjects are being eaten like popcorn."

Predict: How do you predict the Queen is going to stop the grotesque giants?

After Chapter 21: The Plan

Reread to Clarify: "*I think I has the answer to the maiden's hair!*" What is *the plan* to stop the man-eating giants from gobbling up any more humans?

Vocabulary: "*The Queen, with her usual admirable tact and good sense, came to the rescue. 'BFG,' she said, 'can you tell us more or less where this Giant Country is?'*"

What does the word tact most likely mean?

- a) skill in situations in which other people's feelings have to be considered
- b) an absence of courage, or behavior that is cowardly
- c) performed in a way that lacks grace and looks uncomfortable

Reflect: "*I is wishing to ask a very special thing from you.*" What did the BFG ask of the Queen before leaving for the Land of Nod?

After Chapter 22: Capture!

Infer: How did the soldiers feel when they saw the nine sleeping giants? Cite evidence to support your answer.

Read for Details: "...within ten minutes *eight* out of the nine giants had been trussed up like chickens..."

Which of the giants caused trouble for the soldiers?

- a) Fleshlumpeater
- b) Gizzardgulper
- c) Manhugger



Cause and Effect: Fill in the cause.

Cause: _____

Effect: The Fleshlumpeater dropped the soldier and grabbed for his ankle in pain.

Reflect: *"...the Fleshlumpeater saw that he was trussed up like a turkey..."* Who cleverly tied up the Fleshlumpeater?

- a) the BFG
- b) the Head of the Army
- c) Sophie

Read for Details: How many jars of dreams did the BFG have in his cave?

- a) 5,000 jars
- b) 10,000 jars
- c) 50,000 jars



Predict: *"They flew right through the night and arrived in England just as dawn was breaking."* What do you predict the Queen is going to do with the giants? Explain your thinking.

Predict: What do you think the BFG is going to do? Is he going to stay in England? Explain.

After Chapter 23: Feeding Time

Reread to Clarify: What did the Queen do with the giants?

Vocabulary - Context Clues: Define the vocab. words using context clues and/or a dictionary.

"Every earth-digger and mechanical contrivance in London had been mobilized..."

contrivance - _____

Reflect: The giants were released in the massive pit. How did the giants get freed of their bonds?

- a) The giants were told they had to free each other, one at a time.
- b) The BFG entered the pit to free the giants.
- c) English gunmen shot the chains and ropes off of the giants.

Reflect: The author titled the chapter "**Feeding Time.**" What are the man-eating giants being fed?

After Chapter 24: The Author

Cite Evidence: Cite one piece of evidence from the chapter to support the following statement:

Leaders and royalty around the world were thankful for the BFG.

Read for Details: What title was given to the BFG by the Queen of England?

Cause and Effect: Fill in the cause.

Cause: _____

Effect: A sign forbidding people of feeding the giants was constructed around the pit.

Infer: Which best describes the mood at the conclusion of the story?

- a) anxious; worrisome
- b) gloomy; miserable
- c) joyful; happy



After Finishing the Story:

Character Traits: Identify and describe one character trait of either Sophie or the BFG.

- Use two pieces of evidence from the text to support your answer.
- Circle your character trait and underline your evidence from the story.

Sequence of Events: Put the following events in chronological order using the numbers 1 through 8.

- _____ The Giant takes Sophie to a cave lined with glass jars. The BFG tells Sophie he is not going to eat her. The BFG shows Sophie the human-eating giants.
- _____ The BFG leads nine helicopters to the Land of Nod. The giants are tied up and transported back to England.
- _____ During breakfast Sophie and the BFG explain the giant situation to the Queen. Together they formulate a plan to capture the giants.
- _____ Sophie devises a plan to stop the giants. The BFG mixes a special dream. Sophie and the BFG leave to deliver the dream to the Queen of England.
- _____ A moonbeam keeps Sophie awake. Sophie gets up to close the curtain and sees a Giant peering in the Goocheys' home. The Giant sees Sophie and snatches her.
- _____ The BFG takes Sophie to catch dreams. After using a trogglehumper on the Fleshlumpeater, the BFG allows Sophie to read the dream jar labels.
- _____ The nine giants are put into a massive pit. They are fed snozzcumbers. The Queen gives the BFG the title of Royal Dream-Blower.
- _____ The BFG tells Sophie that he catches dreams. She hides in a snozzcumber when the Bloodbottler searches for her in the BFG's cave.

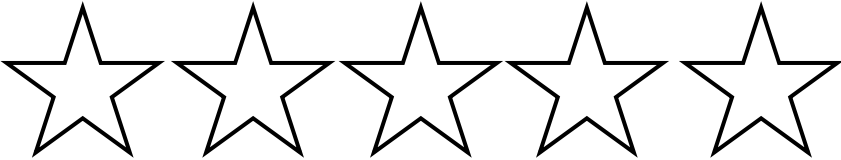
Author's Purpose: What was the author's purpose for writing *The BFG*?

- a) To persuade
- b) To inform
- c) To entertain



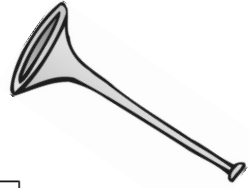
Rating: How many stars would you rate this book?

- 1 being terrible and 5 being awesome.
- Be sure to color or shade your rating!



Theme: What is the theme of *The BFG*? Explain your answer.

The BFG Word Jumble



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WHAT DO YOU CALL A HAPPY GIANT?

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