

The BFG

Guided Reading Questions and Activities Chapter 7: The Marvellous Ears

Day 1 (AF2)

1. Describe the dark cellar.
2. Which word told you that Sophie is surprised when the BFG starts crying?
3. What was the giant doing in the village at night?
4. How are big ears important to a giant like the BFG?
5. How do you catch a dream?

Challenge: List the good things and the bad things about living with the BFG.

Day 2 (AF3)

1. Why did the author tell us details about the orphanage?
2. **Why** is the BFG crying?
3. What does, 'I is **never** letting that happen' p.32 imply about the BFG's relationship with Sophie?
4. What does the word 'sharply' p.37 imply about the BFG?

Challenge: Dreams are compared to butterflies here. 'A dream is...' Finish this sentence. Use words that describe a butterfly to describe a dream.

Day 3 (AF4/5)

1. Why did the author choose to describe the BFG's tear as being big enough to fill a bucket?
2. Why does the author choose to share the BFG's dream of picking peachy fruits whilst riding an elephant?
3. How does being a dream catcher help you to understand why the BFG is a different kind of giant?
4. How do phrases such as 'she sat very quiet, waiting for more' p.36 tell you about the conversation.

Challenge: Describe a dream catcher in less than 50 words.

Day 4 (AF6/7)

1. Does the author like orphanages? How do you know?
 2. Was this chapter trying to persuade you to like the BFG? How do you know?
- Challenge:** Remind yourself of a dream you had recently. Explain what it was about.

