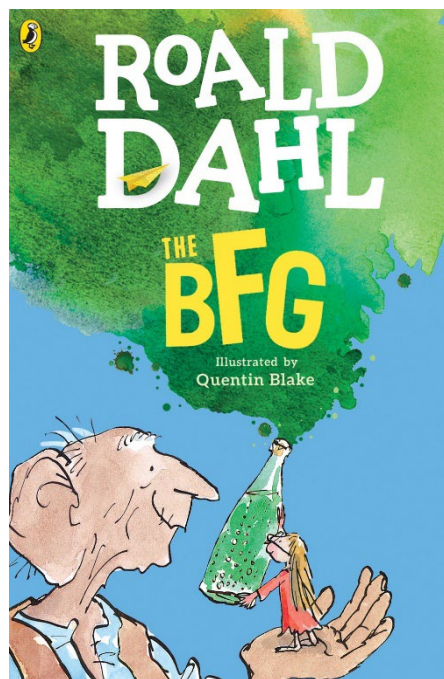
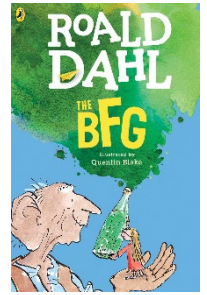


Family Fun Pack



The BFG
by Roald Dahl



Read Aloud Tips For Families

The BFG by Roald Dahl

- ✓ **Make reading time a priority** – Sit down as a family and decide on a daily reading time, and then consider it an appointment that needs to be kept. Some families might find that right before bed is the best time, but early risers might enjoy reading at breakfast. For younger listeners, bath time can be great! Build it into your daily routine and soon you will find that everyone is ready and waiting to hear what comes next in the story.
- ✓ **Show emotion that matches the story** – All of the books from **Read to Them** capture a range of emotions over the course of the story. When reading aloud, mirroring the emotions felt by the characters will make the story more meaningful to your listener.
- ✓ **Vary your rhythm** – Have fun with the language in your book. During suspenseful sections, *slow down* and let the suspense build. During a particularly meaningful moment, *pause* and let the impact settle. During emotion-packed scenes, drop your voice to a *whisper*. When you are reading aloud, you are performing the story. Authors don't want their stories performed in monotone!
- ✓ **Don't be afraid to be silly** – Accents, funny voices, and sound effects are all great tools to use to make reading aloud more engaging. Character-specific voices or mannerisms also help listeners follow the dialogue. It might be a challenge, but it's worth the effort to make your story come alive.
- ✓ **Stay engaged with your listener throughout your reading time** – Stop from time to time to explain an unfamiliar vocabulary word, discuss an important point, or ask your child to make a prediction. You don't want to derail the story too much, but you do want to make reading together interactive.
- ✓ **Expect some fidgeting** – Listening during reading time does not have to be a stationary activity. Some listeners will sit still as stones with eyes and ears fixed on you, and that's great. But other listeners stay more engaged with something in their hands like a small toy, some crayons, or a stuffed animal. Some children might listen better if allowed to walk around the room, or even bounce on the bed a bit. Work together to find the way that works best for your child.

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Use the **Connection Guide** to tell us at **Read to Them** you're reading *The BFG!*

Discuss a favorite scene.

Create a scrapbook page profile of one of the characters from the book.

Hot Seat!
Pretend to be a character from the book and let someone interview you.

Build a reading fort together!
bit.ly/readfort

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Make up some BFG-style words for the food you are having for dinner tonight. "Snozzcumpers, anyone?"

Design a new cover for the book.

Get your whole family to read together in your pajamas!

Go outside and do some mindful listening. What do you hear?

Find a picture book about giants in your library or local independent bookstore.

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Write a poem about a giant. Try a haiku, acrostic, or limerick!

Get out of your house and read a chapter out "in the wild" together!



Learn three new facts about the English monarchy.

Describe what humans from your town would taste like.

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Keep a dream journal for a week.

Find a quote in the book that's worth sharing. Put it on a banner, poster, or t-shirt!

Play charades!
Reenact a scene from the book without using words.

Try out one of the activities in the **Family Fun Packet**.

Write a book review of *The BFG* for your teacher or school librarian.

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Make bookmarks together!

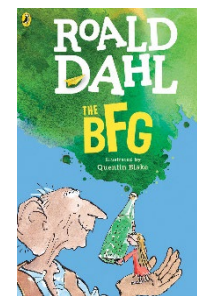
Draw your own giant.

Write a letter to one of the characters in the book.

Make a list of new words you discover while reading together and learn their definitions.

Share a picture of your family reading with [@readtothem](https://www.readtothem.org).





Family Fun Cards

Pages 9-69

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What do you know?

Name the three things the giant is carrying when he comes to Sophie's village during the night.

How do people from Panama taste?

Where does Sophie hide from the Bloodbottler?

What do you think?

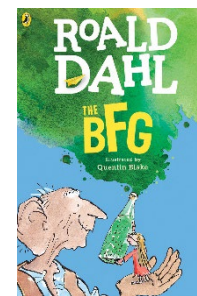
"...you would be scuddling around yodeling the news that you were actually SEEING a giant, and then a great giant-hunt, a mighty giant look-see, would be starting up all over the world" (p. 31) The BFG takes Sophie to keep the secret about giants safe. Is this a good reason for snatching Sophie?

What can you do?

Talk Like the BFG

"They would be putting me into the zoo or the bunkumhouse with all those squiggling hippodumplings and crocadowndillies." (p. 31)

Oh the wonderful Dahl language in *The BFG*! Somehow, although you have never heard of a "squiggling hippodumpling," you know just what it is. Give BFG-style names to some objects, people, and pets in your home. Make a glossary of your Dahl-esque terms and then try to use them for a week. Who knows? Maybe some of your terms will stick. You might be asking for spaghesquiggles and meatlumps for dinner!



Family Fun Cards

Pages 70-140

The BFG by Roald Dahl

What do you know?

What does the BFG call the very rare good type of dream?

How did the BFG learn to read?

The Fleshlumpeating Giant has a “most squackling whoopsy”...*what?*

What do you think?

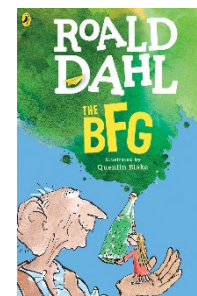
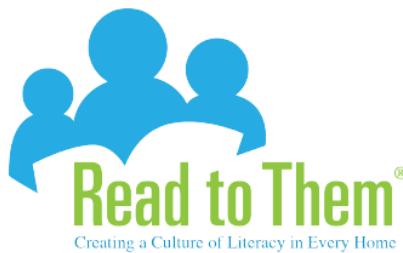
Sophie is horrified that the giants eat “human beans.” But, as the BFG points out, “...*human beans is squishing each other all the time.*” (p. 78) Does he have a point? Given how some humans treat other humans, do we have any right to be mad at the giants? Or is it different?

What can you do?

Message in the Music

“And sometimes human beans is very overcome when they is hearing wonderous music. They is getting shivers down their spindels. ...So the music is saying something to them. It is sending a message.” (p. 98)

Has music ever sent shivers down your spindels? Give it a try! Play some different kinds of music – music you are familiar with and music that is new to you. Close your eyes and really listen, letting the music paint pictures in your mind. Pay attention to how you feel as you listen to different styles of music, from classical to jazz to hip-hop to bluegrass. Pick a selection that really shivers your spindels and make some art that reflects how it makes you feel.



Family Fun Cards

Pages 141-208

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What do you know?

Where is Sophie when the BFG blows in the Queen's trogglehumper?

What does the butler use for the legs of the BFG's breakfast table?

What title does the Queen give the BFG?

What do you think?

"Because you is guzzling human beans. I is always warning you not to do it and you is never taking the titchiest bit of notice." (p. 201) So, maybe the giants should have listened to the BFG after all. Have you ever ignored advice, only to later realize you should have listened? Has your good advice ever been ignored?

What can you do?

A Little BFG

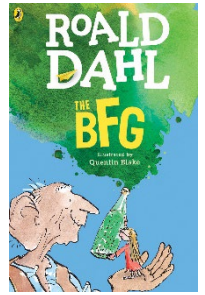
"I think one day you could become a real writer." (p. 207)

Sophie encourages the BFG to write his own stories, resulting in this wonderful book. But, what happened in the BFG's life before he snatched Sophie from her room? What was he like as a young giant? How did he end up in Giant Country? How did he learn to collect dreams? Work together as a family to write a story about the BFG when he was a Not-So-Big Friendly Giant. You can add some of your own illustrations, either inspired by Quentin Blake or in your own style.

Family Fun Cards Answer Key



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Name the three things the giant is carrying when he comes to Sophie's village during the night.

A suitcase, a trumpet, and a jar

How do people from Panama taste?

Hatty

Where does Sophie hide from the Bloodbottler?

In the BFG's snozzcumber

Pages 70-140

What does the BFG call the very rare good type of dream?

A golden phizzwizard

How did the BFG learn to read?

He "borrowed" a copy of Nicholas Nickleby.

The Fleshlumpeating Giant has a "most squackling whoopsy" ...what?

Appetite

Pages 141-208

Where is Sophie when the BFG blows in the Queen's trogglehumper?

On the windowsill

What does the butler use for the legs of the BFG's breakfast table?

4 grandfather clocks

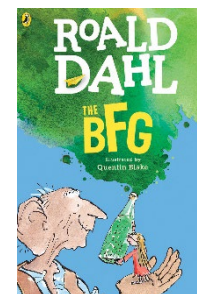
What title does the Queen give the BFG?

Royal Dream-Blower



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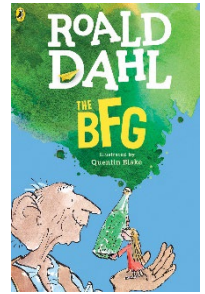
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Next Book Connections

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If you loved *The BFG*, here are some other books your family might enjoy reading together...

Other books written by Roald Dahl:

- *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*
- *Danny the Champion of the World*
- *Fantastic Mr. Fox*
- *James and the Giant Peach*
- *Matilda*
- *The Twits*
- *The Witches*

Picture books with similar themes:

- *Wilfred* – Ryan T. Higgins
- *The Odious Ogre* – Norton Juster
- *The Boy and the Giant* – David Litchfield
- *The Cyclops of Central Park* – Madelyn Rosenberg
- *Greta and the Giants* – Zoe Tucker
- *The Selfish Giant* – Oscar Wilde
- *The Giant of Jum* – Elli Woollard

Novels with similar themes:

- *Poppy* – Avi
- *Monster and Boy* – Hannah Barnaby
- *The Secret Garden* – Frances Hodgson Burnett
- *The Enormous Crocodile* – Roald Dahl
- *Kenny & the Dragon* – Tony DiTerlizzi
- *Muncle Trogg* – Janet Foxley
- *Mighty Jack* – Ben Hatke
- *The Giant from the Fire Sea* – John Himmelman
- *Which Witch?* – Eva Ibbotson
- *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon* – Grace Lin
- *Max and the Millions* – Ross Montgomery
- *A Tale Magnolious* – Suzanne Nelson
- *Jack* – Liesl Shurtliff
- *You're a Bad Man, Mr. Gum!* – Andy Stanton
- *The Ice Monster* – David Walliams
- *Zorgamazoo* – Robert Paul Weston