

CHALLENGE ANSWERS

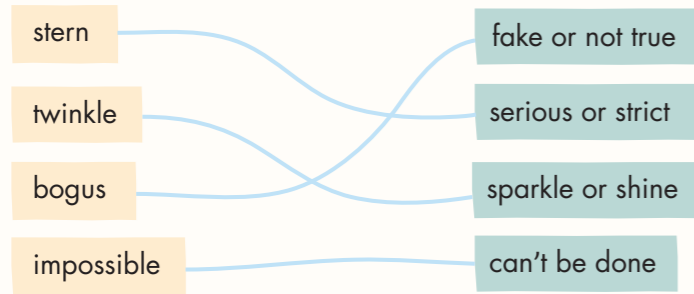
Here are the answers for the four different challenges. Don't forget to colour in your prizes on page 83!

Answers for Danny's challenge

1 The three adjectives are: *marvellous*, *exciting* and *funny*.

Stern, *serious* or *educated* aren't correct as it says he is not these!

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3 The phrase is *the most marvellous and exciting father any child ever had*. You might also have found other positive descriptions like *funny* or *marvellous story-teller*.

4 Eye-smiles: "Because you can fake a mouth-smile, but it's impossible to fake an eye-smile."

5 The description could include any of the following:

- Very funny
- Smiled with his sparkling eyes, not his mouth
- Was clever, but hadn't been to school
- Made up and told brilliant stories
- Looked strict, but wasn't really.

The description should not include:

- Strict or serious
- Was educated.

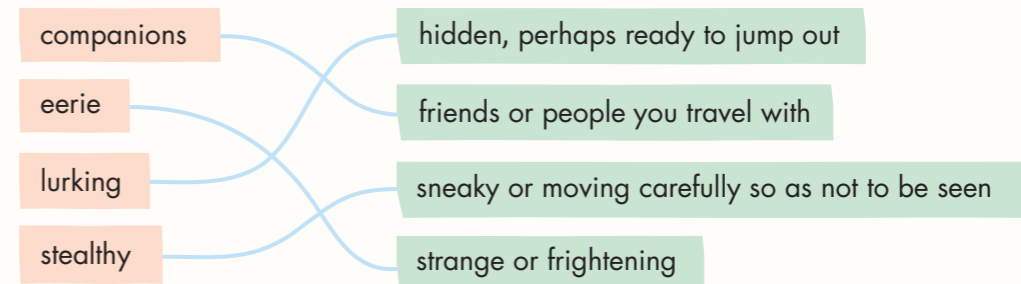
Answers for James's challenge

1 The two verbs are: *swayed* and *floated*.

Verbs that are not in the story or verbs that don't refer to the peach (such as *crouched* or *towered*) aren't correct.

2 The description could include that the peach is moving very quietly using suitable words and phrases from the story, e.g. *no sound anywhere*; *soft*, *stealthy*; *no noise at all*; *silent*.

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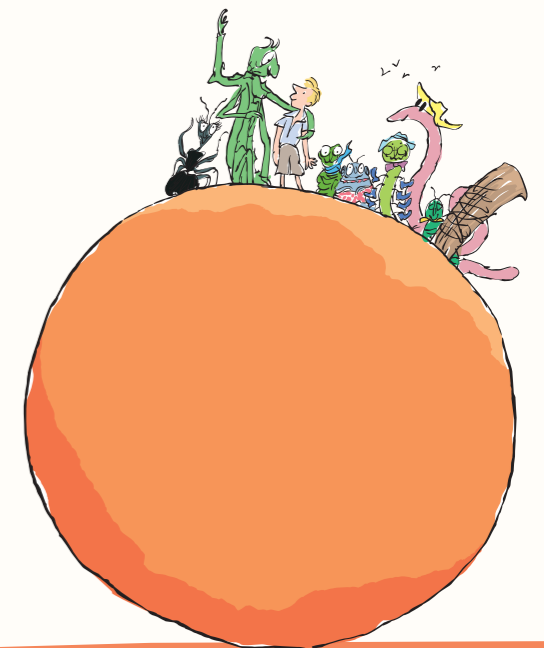


4 The description might include:

- Night coming and the scene growing darker
- Huge clouds surrounding the peach
- The moon appearing
- Other features, e.g. the seagulls, the peach itself, the strings.

The new scene should not repeat descriptions from the story, e.g. "(I saw) clouds like mountains . . ."

5 The prediction should include well developed ideas about what the characters might see from the peach. This might be based on the actual story (such as seeing Cloud-Men or New York), or it could be any imaginative, creative or sensible answer you have thought up!



Answers for The BFG's challenge

1 *splatch-winkling* – running in a hurry (or any other synonym such as dash, hurry, rush, etc.)

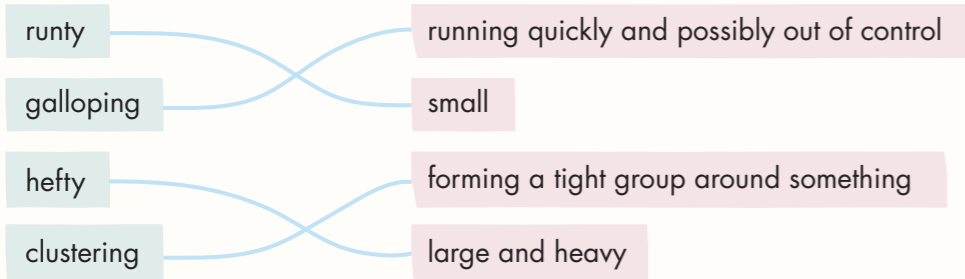
grobsequiffler – small, unimportant or insignificant person (or any other synonym such as squirt, pipsqueak, etc.)

chittering – chatting or talking about unimportant things (or any other synonym such as talk, speak, gossip, etc.)

2 The answer should include that the giants find it fun to be unkind to the BFG or that they are planning to play some sort of game where he is the victim.

3 The answer should include that it will not be fun for the BFG, because he will be the victim or they will be picking on/bullying him.

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5 The answer should include that this has happened before or that the BFG knows he is not strong enough to escape.

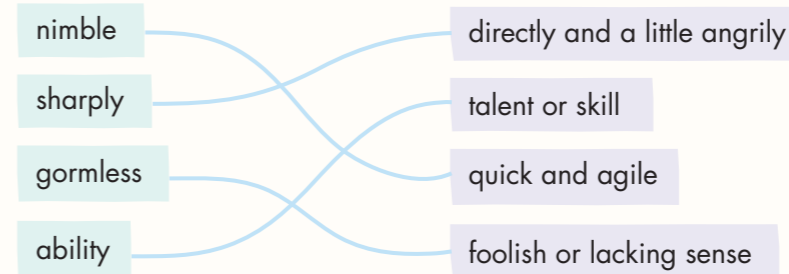


Answers for Matilda's challenge

1 The two adjectives are: *nimble* and *quick*.

Adjectives that are not in the story or adjectives that do not refer to her mind (such as *brilliant* or *sensitive*) aren't correct.

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3 The answer should include that these numbers might be read with extra emphasis and that Matilda is very skilled at an early age.

4 The answer should include that Michael is ordinary, but Matilda is gifted/brilliant/very clever. The answer could include evidence from the story, e.g. *a perfectly normal boy* compared to Matilda who is *nimble and quick, brilliant, extraordinary* or quoting the things Matilda can do at an early age, e.g. *By the time she was **three**, Matilda had taught herself to read.*

5 The description could include any of the following:

- Not interested in Matilda
- Not very clever
- Spoke to Matilda unkindly
- Wrapped up in their own lives.

The description should not include characteristics that aren't in the story text, e.g. "greedy" or "lazy".

