



BEGINNING

Write a few important parts of your story in the top boxes!

The beginning should be what started your story. Did your character find a treasure map or meet someone mysterious?

MIDDLE

Draw your favourite parts of your story in the bottom boxes!

The middle is the adventure! What is your character doing? Are they searching for someone or get lost in the jungle?

END

The ending is how the story turned out. Is it happy, sad or maybe it isn't finished yet! You can always make another story...



The Roald Dahl writing challenge

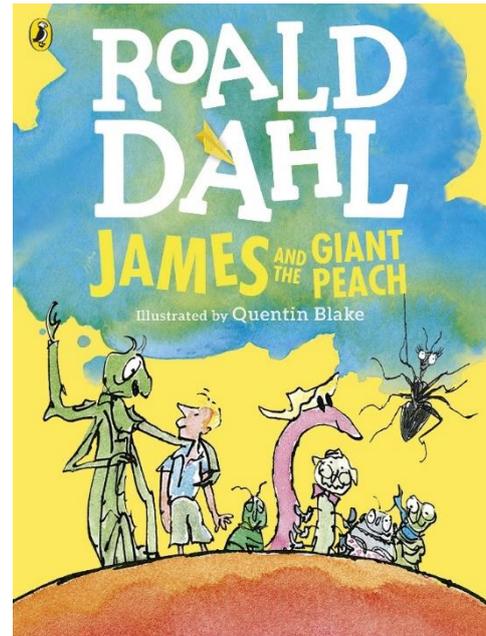
James and the Giant Peach

For this challenge, you've got to go outside! Keep your eyes peeled for creepy crawlies because they'll come in handy.

James was an ordinary boy who went on an extraordinary journey... in a GIANT PEACH! He was joined by some giant insects who became his friends, and some seagulls who helped the peach to fly across the ocean. The giant peach finally lands on top of the Empire State building in New York and it becomes a worldwide news story!

For this activity we're asking children to venture into the outdoors for their daily walk (or this could be done in your garden if you have one).

Once you're outside, look for three different insects that are all different in shape and size. Imagine that these critters can grow to the same size as you and will become your travel buddies for your very own giant peach.



We want you to write a newspaper report about the journey you made with your new friends. Where your peach will travel – does it land near your house or somewhere far away? Think about any challenges or obstacles you might come across. You could even include interviews from the insects (maybe they have names!) and describe their special skills – in the book, the glow worm uses his tail as a light.

Bonus activity

Take photos of your chosen insects and write character profiles about them. As well as special powers, imagine they have likes and dislikes too. You might also want to include details such as their size, their biggest fears, and their personality traits.

Top tips

- BBC Bitesize has some [handy tips](#) on how to write a newspaper article
- This James and the Giant Peach [resource from Puffin](#) includes extracts from the book, minibeast fact files, and bonus activities!
- [Listen](#) to the opening of James and the Giant Peach on Soundcloud for free



Reading together: book games for story time

What is it?

A selection of fun, book related games that you can adapt for the book you are currently reading with your child.

Guess Who

Take it in turns to select characters to guess.

- Select a character from a book you're currently reading together.
- Describe their appearance, a characteristic or relationship with another character.
- Ask your child to guess the character.

Challenge: make this trickier by using one word to describe the character.

Find an object

Think about the characters in the book you're reading together.

- Put on a 2-minute timer.
- You both find an object in the house that best represents a character of your choice.
- Take it in turns to guess which character their object represents.

Challenge: make this trickier by saying the object must be in the room you're currently in.

Changing title

Ask your child to pick some of their favourite books and invent new, made-up titles for them. Can you match the new titles with the originals?

Picture it

If you're reading a picture book, choose a page with a detailed illustration.

- Give your child 90 seconds to look at the image and then cover it up.
- Can they remember everything on the page?
- Talk about how the picture looks compared to how it is described in words.

Dressing up

Use whatever you have in the house to recreate scenes from your favourite book. The more imaginative the better!

