James and the Giant Peach
by Roald Dahl

Vocabulary Word Search

Find the words on the peach.

ARCH  EARTHWORM  LADYBUG  PEACH  SHARKS
BOOTS  GRASSHOPPER  LONDON  PRECIOUS  SILKWORM
CENTIPEDE  HAILSTONES  MAYOR  RHINO CEROS  SMASHING
CREATURES  JAMES  MUSICIAN  SEAGULLS  STONE
Vocabulary Word Unscramble

Unscramble the words. Use the words in the text box for help.

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1. James and his ________________ were terrified when the peach rolled off the cliff into the sea.

2. Centipede called James a/an ________________ when he heard James’s plan.

3. James was not ________________ to go outside of his aunts’ garden.

4. Centipede said the peach had a perfectly delightful ________________.

5. Centipede was dancing ________________ when he fell off the side of the peach.

6. James became a/an ________________ when his parents were eaten by an angry rhinoceros.

7. James stood looked up at the ________________ fruit.

8. They saw the sharks ________________ through the water.

9. The little man had a/an ________________ smell.

10. Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker were drinking glasses of ________________ lemonade while James worked.

11. James worked ________________ to untie Centipede’s boots.

12. Miss Spider was ________________ screaming with excitement.

13. The ________________ became covered with glorious colors.

14. James’s aunts thought he was a disgusting ________________.

15. Miss Spider went to make a/an ________________ of the damage done to the giant peach.
Crossword Puzzle

Complete the puzzle.

Across
2. The __________ said he was a musician.
3. James and his companions rode in a __________ during the parade.
6. Aunt Sponge said the peach was a __________
9. Centipede had a pair of jaws as sharp as __________
10. The __________ wore boots.
11. The people in New York thought the peach was a __________

Down
1. The peach stone became a __________ in Central Park.
3. The __________ had nine black spots on her scarlet shell.
4. The __________ was used as bait to get the seagulls to come close to the peach.
5. Miss Spider made soft __________ for everyone to sleep in.
7. The __________ became spellbound when they heard the grasshopper play.
8. The Cloud-Men painted a __________

Word Bank
ladybug
audience
bomb
razors
earthworm
hammocks
rainbow
monument
centipede
beauty
grasshopper
limousine
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Comprehension: Chapters 1-20

Using complete sentences, briefly respond to the following.

1. Describe James's perfect life before he went to live with his aunts. __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________

2. How did James's aunts treat him? __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________

3. What did the little man give James? __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________

4. Why were the creatures inside the peach so large? __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________

5. What did James's aunts do with the giant peach? __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________

6. How did James get inside the giant peach? __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________

7. How did the giant peach start rolling down the hill? __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________

8. Why were the creatures afraid to eat any of the peach when they were floating in the ocean? __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________

9. How did the seagulls help James and his companions escape from the sharks? __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________

10. How was the earthworm used to getting the seagulls to come closer to the peach? __________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________
Comprehension Chapters 21-39

Using complete sentences, briefly respond to the following.

1. How many seagulls were needed to lift the peach out of the ocean? ___________________________________________

2. Why did the captain of the Queen Mary want to send a message to the Queen? ___________________________________________________________________

3. What did the first officer think was wrong with the ship’s captain? ___________________________________________________________________

4. Which musical instrument did the old Grasshopper sound like when he played? ___________________________________________________________________

5. Why did Miss Spider think it was ‘satisfactory’ when the peach rolled over Aunt Sponge and killed her? ___________________________________________________________________

6. Why did Centipede fall off the peach? ___________________________________________________________________

7. How did James save Centipede’s life? ___________________________________________________________________

8. What did James and his companions think about the Cloud-Men? ___________________________________________________________________

9. Why did James think they were floating over America? ___________________________________________________________________

10. How was the purple paint removed from Centipede? ___________________________________________________________________

11. How did the people of New York City welcome the travelers? ___________________________________________________________________
Compose a short essay describing your favorite creature from this story. Explain why you particularly liked this creature.
Do you think James was a good leader for his companions during their travel? Why/why not?
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Quiz
Read each of the following. Circle the correct answer.

1. James and his companions began their trip in ____.
   a. Ireland   b. America
   c. England   d. Africa

2. What color was the bag the little man gave James?
   a. green   b. white
   c. purple   d. blue

3. Which creature was responsible for providing the light inside the peach?
   a. Centipede   b. Silkworm
   c. Miss Spider   d. Glow-Worm

4. Which creature had razor sharp jaws?
   a. Miss Spider   b. Centipede
   c. Earthworm   d. Silkworm

5. The little man told James that if he drank the water that had been made with the crystals, he would never be ____ again.
   a. tired   b. monument
   c. miserable   d. sleepy

6. The creatures grew large because they had all ____ some of the crystals James had dropped.
   a. swallowed   b. shipped
   c. screeched   d. selfish

7. James's aunts thought he was a ____________.
   a. mayor   b. nuisance
   c. monument   d. crystal

8. James was about ____ years old when his parents died.
   a. eight   b. seven
   c. four   d. ten

   a. rocks   b. peaches
   c. oranges   d. hailstones
10. How much did Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker charge people to see the giant peach?
   a. one pound   b. one peach
   c. one shilling   d. one dollar

11. James thought they were floating over America because he saw ____________.
   a. a flag   b. skyscrapers
   c. an airplane   d. the mayor

12. The giant peach rolled through a _______ factory before it reached the ocean.
   a. truck   b. clothing
   c. chocolate   d. juice

13. The Cloud-Men were painting a ____________.
   a. rainbow   b. snowstorm
   c. hailstone   d. peach

14. The peach stone became a _______ in New York City.
   a. miserable   b. monument
   c. parade   d. factory

15. The little man had a ____ smell.
   a. nibbling   b. satisfactory
   c. musty   d. pleasant

16. The crystals were _______________ and beautiful.
   a. extraordinary   b. pink
   c. huge   d. mistaken

17. Miss Spider and Silkworm set up a factory and made ____________ for tightrope walkers.
   a. shoes   b. chocolate
   c. clothes   d. ropes

18. James and his companions rode in an open ____ during the parade.
   a. fire truck   b. limousine
   c. peach   d. crane
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Page 1: Answers not needed

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1. selfish
2. horrible
3. hailstones
4. shrieked
5. entrance
6. mistaken
7. creatures
8. insects
9. musician
10. travelers
11. miserable
12. musty
13. screeched
14. ancient
15. monument

Page 3:
1. companions
2. genius
3. permitted
4. flavor
5. wildly
6. orphan
7. extraordinary
8. gliding
9. musty
10.izzy
11. frantically
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15. inspection

Page 4:
Down: 1. monument, 3. ladybug, 4. earthworm, 5. hammocks, 7. audience, 8. rainbow.

Page 5:
Answers will vary—accept all reasonable answers.
1. James lived with his parents in a beautiful home near the sea. He played with his friends and on the beach.
2. James’s aunts treated him horribly. He had to sleep on bare boards on the floor, they rarely fed him, made him work all the time, and did not allow him to leave their garden.
3. The little man gave James a bag filled with green crystals.
4. James dropped the bag when he was running to the kitchen. The creatures swallowed some of the crystals.
5. They had carpenters build a fence around the peach and charged people one shilling to see the peach.
6. James crawled through a tunnel he found in the peach. He went through a door in the peach stone to get inside the peach.
7. The Centipede chewed through the stem of the giant peach and the peach rolled down the hill.
8. They were afraid to eat the peach because they thought it would sink after its flesh had been eaten.
9. The seagulls were able to lift the peach out of the water when James looped the threads around their necks.
10. Earthworm was used as bait to get the seagulls to come closer to the peach.

Page 6:
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2. He wanted to send a message to warn the Queen about the secret weapon he saw in the sky.
3. He thought the Captain had either gotten into the whiskey or was very ill.
4. He sounded like a violin.
5. Aunt Sponge had used a mop to kill Miss Spider’s dear grandmother.
6. He was dancing wildly when he fell off the peach.
7. James went down a thread into the ocean and saved Centipede from drowning.
8. They were terrified of the Cloud-Men after they hit the peach with hailstones.
9. James saw the skyscrapers below the peach.
10. The purple paint was removed when it rained.
11. They held a ticker-tape parade in honor of the travelers.

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