

# Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

## James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl

### Reading Questions and Answers

**How has James' character changed as the story has progressed?**

- Example answer: James' character has changed because he has become more confident in his abilities, he is more likely to volunteer an answer and seems much happier.

**What has helped this change?**

- Example answer: This change has happened because he is no longer being constantly shouted at by his aunts; the other characters support him and encourage him with positive language.

**Think about the characters we have met in the story so far, which ones did the author like and which ones did he not like? How do we know?**

- Example answer: It is obvious that the author didn't like James' aunts as he described them and their actions negatively. Through the descriptions of the other characters, it is clear he likes them, even the centipede who he refers to as a pest. He does not seem to like the minor characters, such as the reporters due to the description of their helicopters landing like wasps.

**Ch.24 Why does it seem like the author has chosen to pause the story at this point? What do we learn from this interlude?**

- Example answer: The story appears to be paused at this point so that we learn more about the characters and some facts that we might not have known. It helps settle the reader after an intense and exhilarating few chapters.

**Which of the characters are musical? Does this surprise you from your opinion of the character when you were first introduced?**

- Example answer: The grasshopper is an instrument like a violin while the centipede sings songs that he has made up. Some children may be surprised that an actual insect can be an instrument.

### Deeper Reading

**How does the description of the wonderful things the characters do compare to the description of the characters in earlier chapters?**

- Example answer: We find out that the characters are more useful than we would have thought, in earlier chapters not much thought is given to the role that they play. Children may be able to find specific quotes from the text.

