

LEARNING POSSIBILITIES

Text: Fox, M 2009, *Where the giant sleeps*, Penguin Group, Hawthorn, Victoria.

Engage

- Step 1. If you have this book at home, encourage your child/children to predict what the story is about from the cover. If not use the suggested video link in the Resources box and watch the story together.
- Step 2. Before reading/watching the story, explain that it has lots of fairytale characters in it. Also explain that a character is a person or creature in the story.
- Step 3. Here are some questions to ask your child/children about the story.
1. Where does the giant sleep? (on a cloud)
 2. What fairytale characters can you remember from the story? (giant, fairy, pirate, wizard, witch, goblin, pixies, dwarves, dragon, ogre, elves)
 3. What is the difference between a giant and a pixie? (one is huge and the other is tiny)
 4. Who is your favourite fairytale creature? Tell us why it is your favourite.

Respond

Encourage your child/children to look closely at the illustrations again. Talk about how our imaginations allow us to see things in different ways. For example, is the sleeping giant child really a giant or is it an island? As an island, the giant's hair could be trees, houses are its eyes and a mouth, its body looks like a field and the giants legs could be cliffs and a lighthouse. On the last page the giant appears again. What does your child/children notice about the bedroom scene?

Extend

- Explore the ways that each of the characters in the story might move using music and movement (see Resource list for suggestions).
- Set up a small play table or tray with fabrics, glass beads, dough and a range of collage materials (milk bottle lids, small pieces of paper, cardboard or empty containers) and figurines. **Safety Note: small glass beads may be a choking hazard for toddlers and babies.**

RESOURCES

Video

Where the Giant Sleeps – Read Aloud (YouTube, Nana Kate's Corner)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvokgf3CyrA>

Review

Curled up kids 2007, *Where the giant sleeps*

<https://www.curledupkids.com/whrgiant.htm>

Music

Fantasy Music – Mountain Giants (YouTube, Medieval & World Music by Brandon Fiechter)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGXB4X09uGk>

Magical Fairy Music – Secrets of the Faeries | Fantasy Harp Music, Celtic, Enchanting (1 hour) (YouTube, Fantasy & World Music by the Fiechters)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dGXB4X09uGk>

Pirate Captain sails together with his Parrot | Happy Background Music for Children (YouTube, KIDZEN – Music For Kids)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7rTWQS4BJgA>

Spooky Music & Magical Music (YouTube, Fantasy & World Music by the Fiechters)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfwOJWDj18k>

Celtic Fantasy Music – The Dragon Charmer (Beautiful Violin) (YouTube, Peter Gundry | Composer)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pM29cbCx8VU>

Fantasy Music ~ Dragon Lullaby (YouTube, Ekaterina)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xDEXjJvexdk>

“Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy” From “The Nutcracker” by Tchaikovsky – 10 Hours (YouTube, 10 Hours Slow TV)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5AEiaZN-DgI>