

Read through the following two extracts and think about :

- What does Sophie think the Giant is going to do?
- Why does she think this?
- How do her feelings towards the Giant change?

EXTRACT ONE

From Chapter 3: 'The BFG'

The Giant picked up the trembling Sophie with one hand and carried her across the cave and put her on the table.

Now he really is going to eat me, Sophie thought.

The Giant sat down and stared hard at Sophie. He had truly enormous ears. Each one was as big as the wheel of a truck and he seemed to be able to move them inwards and outwards from his head as he wished.

'I is hungry!' the Giant boomed. He grinned, showing his massive square teeth. The teeth were very white and very square and they sat in his mouth like huge slices of white bread.

'P . . . please don't eat me,' Sophie stammered.

The Giant let out a bellow of laughter. 'Just because I is a giant, you think I is a man-gobblying cannybull!' he shouted.



EXTRACT TWO

From Chapter 3: 'The BFG'

'I is a very mixed-up Giant,' the Giant said. 'But I does my best. And I is not nearly as mixed up as the other giants. I know one who gallops all the way to Wellington for his supper.'

'Wellington?' Sophie said. 'Where is Wellington?'

'Your head is full of squashed flies,' the Giant said. 'Wellington is in New Zealand. The human beans in Wellington has an especially scrumdiddlyumptious taste, so says the Welly-eating Giant.'

'What do the people of Wellington taste of?' Sophie asked.

'Boots,' the Giant said.

'Of course,' Sophie said. 'I should have known.'

Sophie decided that this conversation had now gone on long enough. If she was going to be eaten, she'd rather get it over and done with right away than be kept hanging around any more. 'What sort of human beings do *you* eat?' she asked, trembling.

'*Me!*' shouted the Giant, his mighty voice making the glass jars rattle on their shelves. 'Me gobbling up human beans! This I never! The others, yes! All the others is gobbling them up every night, but not me! I is a freaky Giant! I is a nice and jumbly Giant! I is the only nice and jumbly Giant in Giant Country! I is THE BIG FRIENDLY GIANT! I is the BFG. What is *your* name?'

'My name is Sophie,' Sophie said, hardly daring to believe the good news she had just heard.



Sadly, Sophie had been afraid of the BFG, just because of his looks. She had made assumptions about his personality.

Can you think of a time when you have noticed this happening in real life?

Can you match the following Character Cards with the Personality card you think each one would suit best?

ROALD
DAHL
THE
BFG

APPEARANCE CARDS



A fairy
PRINCESS
WITH A DELICATE
SMILE
and hair the colour of
SUNLIGHT

A wrinkly OLD
GRANDAD
with a
**HEARING
AID**

A WITCH with a
CROOKED
BACK AND A
FACE
sprinkled with WARTS

A teenage girl with
**SPIKY
PINK HAIR**
and a NOSE RING

A ten-year-old BOY with
BROKEN
GLASSES AND
PLASTERS
on both knees

A KNIGHT
ON HORSEBACK
DRESSED IN
shimmering
ARMOUR



WICKED and **CRUEL**, this character delights in **DISASTER**. They create **MISCHIEF** and **MISFORTUNE** wherever they go.

This character is rather **CLUMSY**. They never remember to look where they are going, so they are **ALWAYS** having **ACCIDENTS!**

This character is quite **FORGETFUL** and can often be found **SNORING** in their armchair.

SWEET and **GENTLE**, this character is beloved by everyone they meet. They have a heart of gold, and they are particularly kind to **ANIMALS**.

This character is as **STRONG** as an ox and as **BRAVE** as a lion. They are always looking for **OPPORTUNITIES** to **HELP** people in distress.

SULKY and **RUDE**, this character enjoys chewing gum and listening to **PUNK-ROCK** music.

Have a look through your matches. Did you, like Sophie, make any assumptions?

Sophie judged the BFG based on his appearance. Because he looked a bit different, she thought that he would be a bad person. But the BFG turned out to be a Friendly Giant, despite the way that he looked. You cannot tell what a person is like inside from the way they look on the outside.

Can you design your own character, whose appearance and personality might be a 'surprising' match?



CHARACTER WORKSHEET



Character drawing:

Description of appearance:

Description of personality:
