

James and the Giant Peach – Chapters 10–12

Comprehension and Enquiry Questions

Chapter 10: The Inside of the Peach

1. What happened when James entered the hole in the peach?
2. How does Roald Dahl describe the inside of the peach? What feelings or senses does this description create?
3. Why do you think James decided to keep moving forward instead of turning back?
4. How does this chapter show James's curiosity and courage?
5. If you were in James's place, would you have entered the peach? Why or why not?

Chapter 11: Inside the Peach – Meeting the Creatures

1. Who does James meet inside the peach, and how does he feel at first?
2. How do the creatures treat James when they first meet him?
3. What does this meeting reveal about the personalities of the different insects?
4. Why is James surprised when the creatures start talking to him?
5. How does this chapter show a change in James's life compared to before he entered the peach?

Chapter 12: The Creatures' Story

1. What do the creatures tell James about how they became so large?
2. How did the "magic green things" affect both the peach and the insects?
3. What does this explanation help us understand about how the story became magical?
4. Why do you think Roald Dahl included insects as James's companions?
5. How does James's relationship with the creatures begin to change in this chapter?