

Y3/4 – English – The BFG

Who?

It wasn't a human. It couldn't be. It was four times as tall as the tallest human. It was so tall its head was higher than the upstairs windows of the houses. Sophie opened her mouth to scream, but no sound came out. Her throat, like her whole body, was frozen with fright.

This was the witching hour all right.

The tall black figure was coming her way. It was keeping very close to the houses across the street, hiding in the shadowy places where there was no moonlight.

Answer these questions. Some sentence starters have been added to help you answer in full sentences.

1. What does it mean to be 'frozen with fright'?

If you are 'frozen with fright' it means _____.

2. Why do you think the tall black figure is hiding in shadowy places?

The tall black figure is hiding in shadowy places because _____.



On and on it came, nearer and nearer. But it was moving in spurts. It would stop, then it would move on, then it would stop again.

But what on earth was it doing?

Ah-ha! Sophie could see now what it was up to. It was stopping in front of each house. It would stop and peer into the upstairs window of each house in the street. It actually had to bend down to peer into the upstairs windows. That's how tall it was.

It would stop and peer in. Then it would slide on to the next house and stop again, and peer in, and so on all along the street.

It was much closer now and Sophie could see it more clearly.



3. Why did the giant peer into so many windows?

4. There is more than one meaning for the word 'spurts'. Have a look in a dictionary or on <https://kids.wordsmyth.net/>. Which definition describes how The BFG was moving?

In the moonlight, Sophie caught a glimpse of an enormous, long, pale, wrinkly face with the most enormous ears. The nose was as sharp as a knife and above the nose there were two bright, flashing eyes. The eyes were staring straight at Sophie. There was a fierce and devilish look about them.

Sophie gave a yelp and pulled back from the window. She flew across the dormitory and jumped into her bed and hid under the blanket.



And there she crouched, still as a mouse, and tingling all over.

5. Find the two similes in this piece of text:

- _____.
- _____.

6. Why is Sophie compared to a mouse?

Sophie is compared to a mouse because _____
_____.

7. Which words used to describe the giant's face tell us that Sophie might be scared?

Words to describe the giant's face that tell us Sophie is scared are _____
_____.