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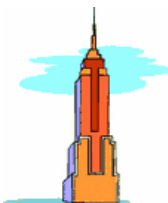
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## Vocabulary Word Unscramble

Unscramble the words. Use the words in the text box for help.

peacefully	experience	nuisance	forbidden	peculiar
screeching	disgusting	extraordinary	mammoth	tunnel
magnificent	hysterics	literally	tremendous	ambled
vertically	cruising	satisfactory	unfortunate	billowy
melancholy	escorted	manufacturers	monument	perish
nonsense	glimmer	instrument	haunted	elegant
hammock	miraculous	damage	glorious	amidst

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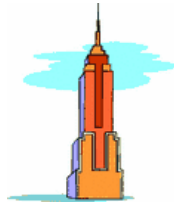
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## Vocabulary Word Search

Find the words.

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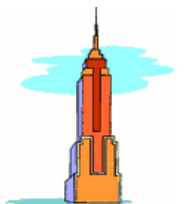
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### Comprehension Chapters 1-12

Using complete sentences, answer the following questions.

1. Why was James sent to live with his Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What happened to the bag the little old man gave to James? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What was James's life like before he went to live with Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How was James treated by his aunts when he went to live with them? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What did Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker do with the giant peach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. How was James able to get inside the giant peach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What did James see when he went through the door in the peach stone? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What did the centipede ask James to help him do? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. How much did Aunt Spiker and Aunt Sponge charge people to see the giant peach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What did James's aunts do to protect the giant peach from the crowd of people that came to see it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. What was so unusual about the insects James found inside the peach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What did the ladybug tell James to help calm his fears? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





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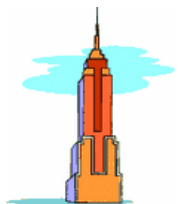
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### Comprehension Chapters 13-22

Using complete sentences, answer the following questions.

1. Why do you think the grasshopper said he was a musician? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How do you think James felt about sleeping in the soft hammock Spider made for him? Why do you think he felt this way? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. How did the insects grow to be so large? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. How did the centipede get the peach to start rolling down the hill? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. What happened to James's aunts when the peach rolled down the hill? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What happened when the peach rolled through the chocolate factory? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. How did the James and the insects get upstairs to see where they were? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. How did the insects react when they realized they were in the middle of the ocean? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Why were the insects worried about eating the peach? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did James do to help them? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What was James's plan to save the peach from the sharks? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. How many seagulls did it take to lift the peach out of the water? \_\_\_\_\_
12. How did the silkworm and the spider help them to solve their problem? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





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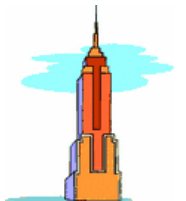
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### Comprehension Chapters 23-39

Using complete sentences, answer the following questions.

1. Why did the sharks only cause a little damage to the giant peach's surface? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did the first officer on the ship send for the doctor to come see the captain? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What did the earthworm and the ladybug tell James about how they helped farmers? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why was Miss Spider satisfied when the peach rolled over Aunt Sponge? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How was James able to save the centipede when he danced off the peach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What did the Cloud-Men do to James and the insects when they were on the top of the peach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. What were the Cloud-Men painting? What did they do with it? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. How was the purple paint removed from Centipede? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Why did James think the giant peach was in America? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What did the City of New York do to welcome their visitors? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
11. How was the giant peach removed from the top of the Empire State Building? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
12. What happened to the giant peach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_





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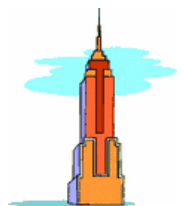
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## Which Character?

Read each of the statements below. Write the letter in front of the character's name on the line to show which character or characters in the story that the statement is describing. Some of the characters will be used more than once.

- |                   |                |                    |
|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| a. James          | b. Centipede   | c. Earthworm       |
| d. Miss Spider    | e. Aunt Sponge | f. Aunt Spiker     |
| g. Little Old Man | h. Silkworm    | j. Old Grasshopper |
| k. Glow-Worm      | l. Cloud-Men   | m. Ladybug         |

1. \_\_\_\_\_ He described himself as a musician because of his ability to play music in the 'violin style.'
2. \_\_\_\_\_ He gave James a bag full of tiny green crystals.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ He was always concerned about his boots.
4. \_\_\_\_\_ She was responsible for providing light inside the giant peach.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ They painted a rainbow in the story.
6. \_\_\_\_\_ The Cloud-Men covered him with purple paint.
7. \_\_\_\_\_ He was orphaned when his parents were eaten by a giant rhinoceros.
8. \_\_\_\_\_ She was enormously fat and very short.
9. \_\_\_\_\_ She spun soft hammocks inside the giant peach.
10. \_\_\_\_\_ She told James not to be frightened and that they were all in the same boat.
11. \_\_\_\_\_ She was lean and tall and had a screechy voice.
12. \_\_\_\_\_ She was obviously a kind and gentle creature.
13. \_\_\_\_\_ He had a pair of jaws as sharp as razors.
14. \_\_\_\_\_ He said he was helpful to all the farmers.
15. \_\_\_\_\_ She went down a thread to check the damage done by the sharks to the bottom of the peach.
16. \_\_\_\_\_ He was sent to live with his aunts after the death of his parents.
17. \_\_\_\_\_ He was blind.
18. \_\_\_\_\_ He was terrified that the giant creatures inside the peach were going to eat him.
19. \_\_\_\_\_ She helped Miss Spider spin thread to loop  
around the seagulls' necks.
20. \_\_\_\_\_ She had nice black spots on her scarlet shell.
21. \_\_\_\_\_ She flushed Miss Spider's grandfather down the bathtub drain.
22. \_\_\_\_\_ They threw hailstones at the giant peach.









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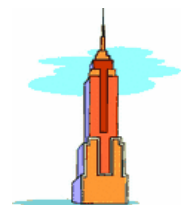
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### Test

Read each of the following. Circle the letter in front of the correct answer.

- James lived peacefully with his parents in a house by \_\_\_\_\_ until he was about four years old.  
a. some mountains      b. his aunts  
c. the Empire State Building      d. the sea
- His parents were eaten by an angry \_\_\_\_\_ which had escaped from the London Zoo.  
a. elephant      b. rhinoceros  
c. grasshopper      d. tiger
- The little man told James to drink the mixture made with the green crystals and he would never be \_\_\_\_\_ again.  
a. fabulous      b. tremendous  
c. miserable      d. marvelous
- How much did Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spike charge the visitors to see the giant peach?  
a. ten shillings      b. five dollars  
c. one dollar      d. one shilling
- The \_\_\_\_\_ fruit was as large and as round as Aunt Sponge.  
a. disgusting      b. mammoth  
c. screeching      d. unfortunate
- James crawled through the \_\_\_\_\_ until he came to the door in the peach stone.  
a. peculiar      b. hysterics  
c. tunnel      d. vertically
- Which of the following words is a synonym for the word **unusual**?  
a. perish      b. billowy  
c. experience      d. peculiar
- Miss Spider crawled down the thread to check the \_\_\_\_\_ to the bottom of the peach.  
a. haunted      b. damage  
c. disgusting      d. cruising
- The centipede announced to everyone that he was a \_\_\_\_\_.  
a. pest      b. glimmer  
c. nuisance      d. tunnel



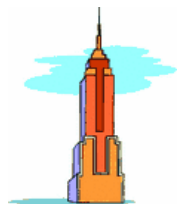


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10. All of the insects became enormous when they \_\_\_\_\_ some of the green crystals that James had dropped.
- a. viewed                      b. swallowed  
c. dropped                     d. carried
11. The giant peach began to fall when an airplane cut the threads \_\_\_\_\_ around the seagulls' necks.
- a. vertically                  b. extraordinary  
c. looped                        d. ambled
12. James decided that he liked the centipede because he was obviously a \_\_\_\_\_.
- a. rascal                              b. captain  
c. melancholy                      d. forbidden
13. James thought the peach was over America because he saw \_\_\_\_.
- a. the flag                              b. skyscrapers  
c. the Statue of Liberty              d. the police
14. The giant peach rolled over Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spike and left them as \_\_\_\_\_ as paper dolls.
- a. vertical                              b. nonsense  
c. lifeless                              d. billowy
15. The peach stone became a famous \_\_\_\_\_ in Central Park and the home of James Henry Trotter.
- a. miraculous                              b. mammoth  
c. marvelous                              d. monument
16. Which insect became a member of the New York Symphony Orchestra?
- a. Miss Spider                              b. Silkworm  
c. Old Grasshopper                      d. Centipede
17. Where did the giant peach land in New York City?
- a. the Statue of Liberty                      b. the Empire State Building  
c. Central Park                              d. the Public Library
18. What did James and all the creatures ride in during the ticker-tape parade?
- a. a limousine                              b. the giant peach  
c. a fire truck                              d. a golden carriage
19. Which insect was hired to do commercials on television for cosmetics?
- a. Centipede                              b. Silkworm  
c. Earthworm                              d. Miss Spider





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### Answers to *James and the Giant Peach*

- Page 1:
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| 1.  | elegant     | 19. | experience    |
| 2.  | monument    | 20. | vertically    |
| 3.  | nuisance    | 21. | hammock       |
| 4.  | damage      | 22. | melancholy    |
| 5.  | instrument  | 23. | hysterics     |
| 6.  | glimmer     | 24. | nonsense      |
| 7.  | cruising    | 25. | escorted      |
| 8.  | peacefully  | 26. | manufacturers |
| 9.  | tunnel      | 27. | amidst        |
| 10. | mammoth     | 28. | peculiar      |
| 11. | literally   | 29. | unfortunate   |
| 12. | screeching  | 30. | glorious      |
| 13. | ambled      | 31. | tremendous    |
| 14. | haunted     | 32. | satisfactory  |
| 15. | billowy     | 33. | miraculous    |
| 16. | disgusting  | 34. | extraordinary |
| 17. | magnificent | 35. | forbidden     |
| 18. | perish      |     |               |

Page 2: Answers not needed

- Page 3: Answers will vary—accept all reasonable answers.
1. James was sent to live with his aunts after his parents were eaten by an angry rhinoceros.
  2. James dropped the bag and spilled it when he was running.
  3. James had a happy life when his parents were alive. He lived in a beautiful home near the sea.
  4. His aunts treated James horribly. He was expected to work all the time. They rarely fed him and he was not allowed to play with other children.
  5. They charged people admission to come and see the giant peach.
  6. James was able to get inside the peach when he crawled through a tunnel and opened a door in the peach stone.
  7. James saw giant insects squatting on chairs.
  8. The centipede asked James to help him take off his boots.
  9. They charged one shilling to see the giant peach.
  10. They called carpenters to come and build a fence around the peach.
  11. The insects were all huge. Some of them were as big as dogs.
  12. Ladybug told James that they would not hurt him. She told him that they were all in the same boat.



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- Page 4:                   Answers will vary—accept all reasonable answers.
1. He could make beautiful music with his body.
  2. James probably enjoyed sleeping in the soft hammock Miss Spider made. He slept on hard boards at his aunts' home.
  3. They all swallowed some of the green crystals that James had dropped.
  4. He chewed through the stem of the peach and released it from the tree.
  5. The peach rolled over the aunts and killed them.
  6. Chocolate rolled through the streets of the town.
  7. Miss Spider spun a ladder to help them climb upstairs.
  8. They were frightened because they couldn't swim. They were also concerned about their lack of food and water.
  9. They were worried about eating their ship. They were afraid that if they ate the ship they would drown.
  10. James had a plan to save the peach from the sharks. He had Miss Spider and Silkworm make thread which he looped over the necks of the seagulls. The seagulls lifted the peach out of the water and into the air.
  11. 502 seagulls
  12. They spun the threads to loop around the seagulls' necks.

- Page 5:                   Answers will vary—accept all reasonable answers.
1. It was almost impossible for the sharks to bite the peach because of their long noses.
  2. He thought the captain was ill because of his description of the giant peach and the creatures.
  3. The earthworm told James about how he helped farmers by loosening the soil so crops could grow. Ladybug told James that she helped the farmers by eating the pests that ate the farmers' crops.
  4. Aunt Sponge killed Miss Spider's grandmother with a mop.
  5. James slid down the thread Silkworm had made and went into the ocean to save Centipede from drowning.
  6. The Cloud-Men threw hailstones at them.
  7. They were painting a rainbow. They pushed it off a cloud and it broke it two pieces when the rainbow hit the peach.
  8. The paint was removed from Centipede when it rained.
  9. He saw the skyscrapers.
  10. They had a big ticker-tape parade.
  11. It was removed by one hundred steeple jacks armed with ropes, ladders and pulleys.
  12. The peach was eaten by the people of New York City.



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| 3.  | b | 14. | c |
| 4.  | k | 15. | d |
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| 6.  | b | 17. | c |
| 7.  | a | 18. | a |
| 8.  | e | 19. | h |
| 9.  | d | 20. | m |
| 10. | m | 21. | e |
| 11. | f | 22. | l |

Page 7: Writing Activity 1

Page 8: Writing Activity 2

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| 2.  | b | 12. | a |
| 3.  | c | 13. | b |
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| 5.  | b | 15. | d |
| 6.  | c | 16. | c |
| 7.  | c | 17. | b |
| 8.  | b | 18. | a |
| 9.  | a | 19. | c |
| 10. | b |     |   |