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# Task 1

## Understanding the reading process

Below is an extract from a book by Roald Dahl. Read the extract and answer the questions that follow.

“But if you don’t each people like all the others’ Sophie said, “then what do you live on?”. “That is a squelching tricky problem round here” the BFG answered “In this *shloshflunking* Giant Country, happy eats like pineapples and *pigwinkles* is simply not growing. Nothing is growing except for one extremely icky-poo vegetable. It is called the *snozzcumber*”

“The *snozzcumber!*” cried Sophie “There is no such thing”

The BFG looked at Sophie and smiled, showing about twenty of his square white teeth. “Yesterday”, he said, “we was not believing in giants, was we?” Today we is not believing in *snozzcubmers*. Just because we happen not to have actually seen something with our own two little winkles, we think it is not existing. What about for instance the great *squizzly* scotch-hopper?”

“I beg your pardon? “ Sophie said.

1. What sort of book do you think this extract comes from?

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2. Who is BFG and who is Sophie?

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3. Where do you think they are?

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4. What do think the words in italics may mean?

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5. In order to answer questions 1-4 you made a number of inferences. What kinds of knowledge did you draw upon in order to make your inferences?

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## Task 2

### Genres and their characteristics

In task 1, the extract was taken from a children's book by Roald Dahl . Based on your knowledge of this genre, list some of the main characteristics of this genre. Focus on text design/layout, discourse type, discourse features, grammatical features.

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## Task 3

### Purposes of reading

What are the purposes for reading? In order to help you in your answer think, why would you read a newspaper, a poem, a telephone directory, a manual, an encyclopedia, tour guides?

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## Task 4

### Strategies interact with reading purposes

Which strategies would you use if you:

- wanted to find a telephone number in the directory ?

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- your level is intermediate, and you wanted to find out what a British newspaper opinion towards the Olympic games?

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- your level is pre-intermediate and you want to decide which places to visit in London through a tour guide?

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