

PROJECT ONE – IMAGINARY WORLDS – READING TEST

EXTRACT ONE

Sophie still peering out from the blanket, saw suddenly ahead of her a great craggy mountain. The mountain was dark blue and all around it the sky was gushing and glistening with light. Bits of pale gold were flying among delicate frosty-white flakes of cloud, and over to one side the rim of the morning sun was coming up red as blood.

Right beneath the mountain, the Giant stopped. He was puffing mightily. His great chest was heaving in and out. He paused to catch his breath.

Directly in front of them, lying against the side of the mountain, Sophie could see a massive round stone. It was as big as a house. The Giant reached out and rolled the stone to one side as easily as if it had been a football, and now, where the stone had been, there appeared a vast black hole. The hole was so large the Giant didn't even have to duck his head as he went in. He strode into the black hole still carrying Sophie in one hand, the trumpet and the suitcase in the other.

[...] She saw an enormous cavern with a high rocky roof.

The walls on either side were lined with shelves, and on the shelves there stood row upon row of glass jars. There were jars everywhere. They were piled up in the corners. They filled every nook and cranny of the cave.

In the middle of the floor, there was a table twelve feet high and a chair to match.

The Big Friendly Giant, Roald Dahl (1982)

1	identify the extract -> name of the author + date + title + genre		A2
2	pick out a time marker	[morning]	A2
3	pick out 2 different locations/places	[mountain + cavern]	A2+
4	focus on colours: pick out 4 words that belong to this lexical field	[dark blue - pale gold - frosty-white - red as blood]	A2+
5a	who is the heroine?	[Sophie]	A2
5b	what is the effect of the decor on this character?	[surprise]	B1 (bonus)
6	which object is specific of the world of the big friendly giant ?	[jars]	A2+
7	which elements show that this extract takes place in an imaginary world?	[magical world / extraordinary characters ...]	B1 (bonus)