

# Learning with Roald Dahl

## The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me

Would you like to own a sweet-shop? At the beginning of *The Giraffe and the Pelly and Me*, the narrator says that he had ‘always longed to own a sweet-shop’. At the end of the story, he gets one and it is filled with the most magical sounding sweets.

### 1. Read the passage describing the sweets in the sweet-shop.

*There were Gumtwizzlers and Fizzwinkles from China, Frothblowers and Spitsizzlers from Africa, Tummyticklers and Gobwangles from the Fiji Islands and Liplickers and Plushnuggets from the Land of the Midnight Sun.*

*For two whole weeks the flood of boxes and sacks continued to arrive. I could no longer keep track of all the countries they came from, but you can bet your life that as I unpacked each new batch I sampled it carefully. I can remember especially the Giant Wangdoodles from Australia, every one with a huge ripe red strawberry hidden inside its crispy chocolate crust and the Electric Fizzcocklers that made every hair on your head stand up on end as soon as you popped one into your mouth . . . and there were Nishnobblers and Gumglotters and Blue Bubblers and Sherbet Slurpers and Tongue Rakers, and as well as all this, there was a whole lot of splendid stuff from the great Wonka factory itself, for example the famous Willy Wonka Rainbow Drops – suck them and you can spit in seven different colours. And his Stickjaw for talkative parents. And his Mint Jujubes that will give the boy next door green teeth for a month.*

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2. Make a list of all the strange names of sweets in this extract.
3. Which sweet sounds the most delicious?
4. What sweets would you have in a sweet-shop if you were in charge?
5. Do you like the sweets listed below?  
*Humbugs, Toffee, Liquorice Allsorts, Barley Sugar, Butterscotch, Chocolate Buttons, Peppermints, Gobstoppers, Sherbet Lemons, Dolly Mixture, Fruit Gums, Jelly Babies*
6. Make up some names for sweets that you have invented.

