Before you read the chapters:

The protagonist in most novels features the main character or “good guy”. The protagonist of *James and the Giant Peach* is a very likeable boy, James Henry Trotter, who goes to live with his two aunts when his parents are killed. Think back on some of your favourite characters from past novels you have read or movies you’ve seen. What do you think makes for an especially interesting protagonist?

You are required to write a SHORT summary of each chapter. This summary needs to contain all the important information, but it is not intended for you to repeat it word for word. Short, sweet and to the point.

Summary of Chapter One.

Summary of Chapter Two.

Summary of Chapter Three.

Vocabulary:

Write a definition for each of the following words:

ramshackle

mildew

forbidden

wistful

peculiar

desolate

ghastly

extraordinary

luminous

adore

Place each of the above vocabulary words into the correct sentence.

Going out of the house after nine o’clock was \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ by Jenna’s parents.

Jeremy received a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ cut on his leg when he toppled into the lion’s den.

I just \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ a penthouse view. Darling I love you but give me Park Avenue.

My grandfather lives in a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ old shack deep in the forest.

When Adrianna saw the little puppy playing with the children, a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ look appeared on her face.

When my parents left for the holidays our home seemed lonely and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Garret receives \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ results on his tests when he applies himself.

Everyone thinks that just because my dog only has three legs he is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

I can tell by the musty smell that the house has a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ problem.

Many wristwatches now come with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ dials.

Questions.

What is the setting for (most of) Chapter one? Give at least one detail.

Foreshadowing is a literary device where the author provides clues of possible future events in the story. How might the names of James’s two aunt be an example of foreshadowing?

Describe what happened to James’s parents.

What was the reason James’s aunts never let him out of the garden?

Describe the appearance of Aunt Sponge.

Describe the appearance of Aunt Spike.

How might you describe the self-image of both women?

Describe what was in the bag that the little old man showed James.

**Alliteration.**

The author seems to enjoy using alliteration - a literary device where the author repeats the same sound at the beginning of sever words. An example from Chapter Three is “…spoonfuls of sugar.”

Using your imagination, create your own examples of alliteration from the following topics. Each example must contain a minimum of three words.

The chirp of a sparrow

The clink of prisoners chains

From your imagination