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A selection of guided reading questions and activities to accompany *The Smartest Giant in Town* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

**Guided reading questions:**

- Which clothes did George wear at the beginning of the story?
- Why do you think George wanted some new clothes? How did he feel being the scruffiest giant in the town?
- Which animal did George give his tie to? What did he use the tie for?
- How do you think the animals felt before they met George?
- How do you think the animals felt after they met George?
- Why does George say that he is the coldest giant in town?
- How do George's feelings change during the story?
- Why did the animals give George a crown and a card? How did this make George feel?
- What is your favourite part of the story? Why?



**After reading activities:**

- Act out scenes from the story, using clothes as props.
- Hot seat the giant – either the children or the teacher take it in turns to be George, whilst others ask questions.
- Play 'True or false' with a friend. Say a sentence about the story and your partner has to decide if it is true or false. For example, George gave his tie to a mouse.
- Learn and recite the song/poem from the story then put it to some music/actions.
- Complete a feelings map to show how George's feelings change throughout the story.
- Write letters to George from the animals to say thank you.
- Write an additional part to the story, for example, George meets another animal. What might be wrong? What item of clothing might George give them?
- Write an alternative ending for the story.

