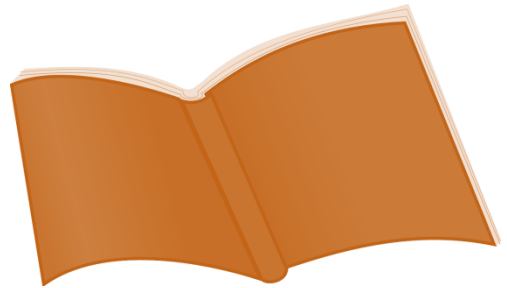


A selection of guided reading questions and activities to accompany *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler.

Guided reading questions:

- How does the mouse feel as he sets off on his journey through the wood?
- Do you think the mouse likes the other animals: owl, fox and snake?
- Why do you think the mouse tells the other animals he is going to have tea with the gruffalo?
- Which describing words/adjectives do you like best from the story?
- Do you think the gruffalo is really afraid of the mouse?
- If you were the mouse, what would you like to eat?
- If all of the animals secretly followed the mouse, do you think they would be frightened of him too?



After reading activities:

- Act out your favourite scene from the story. Can you put on special voices for each character?
- Draw a map of the deep, dark wood and label all the important stops along the mouse's journey.
- Design a WANTED poster for one of the characters.
- Write a new ending for the story.
- Play 'True or False' with a friend. Say a sentence about the story or a character and your partner has to decide if it's true or false.
- Make invitations for each of the characters inviting the mouse to tea.
- Make a secret code! Randomly number each letter of the alphabet from 1-26. Then choose your favourite words or phrases from the story and write them using your secret code. Can a friend work out what you have written?
- Play 'Mouse or Gruffalo?' Call out a short description from the book, for example 'he has terrible tusks'. Your partner has to shout out quickly 'mouse' or 'gruffalo' to match your clue!

