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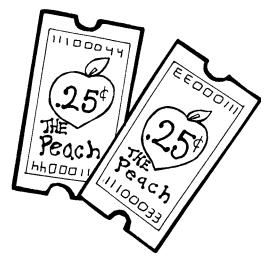
## **View the Giant Peach!**

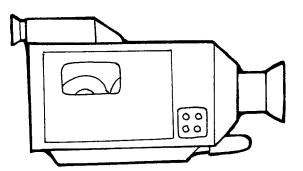
Aunt Sponge could hardly wait to eat some of the giant peach. But Aunt Spiker said, "There's a pile of money to be made out of this if only we can handle it right."

How should the aunts handle the promotion of the giant peach? Divide into four groups. Each group will be responsible for one area of the promotion.

#### **Tickets**

Design the tickets used to see the giant peach and prepare a sign with the prices in both the English and our money system. (You may even wish to include the currencies of other countries.) To do this you will need to research the English money system and compare it with our own. The newspapers of large cities usually contain a chart of current exchange rates. How do the admissions the aunts were charging compare to the prices you pay to go to a movie, concert, exhibition, etc.?



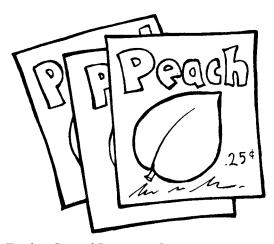


#### **News Broadcast**

Write a TV news story to be broadcast on the evening news. If you have access to a video camera, record the broadcast.

### **Newspaper Stories**

Write newspaper articles telling about the giant peach. Be sure to answer the questions Who, What, Where, When, and Why in your article.





### **Advertising Posters**

Design and create posters to advertise the viewing of the peach. Include the cost, date, etc.

# What Do You Really Mean?

Figurative language is a way of expressing yourself in speech or writing using words or phrases that may mean something other than normal usage. A "hero," "poorboy," or "submarine" may mean a sandwich. "Fiddle-de-dee" and "fiddlesticks" mean "nonsense." You can often understand such words by the content of the surrounding words or sentences.

Match the phrases in list 1 with those in list 2 that are similar in meaning. If you are not sure, find the phrases in *James and the Giant Peach*, Chapters 18 - 23, and read the sentences around them.

 1.	we are floating beautifully.	a. Can't you realize?
 2.	"You must be blind!"	b. You don't need to remind me.
 3.	"There's no need to rub it in."	c. Oh dear!
 4.	"Can't you see that?"	d. You're not thinking straight!
 5.	"Jumping Jehoshophat!"	e. The boy is crazy.
 6.	"What absolute rot!"	f. Ridiculous!
 7.	"Go away you filthy beast!"	g. We're not sinking.
 8.	"We are lost forever!"	h. How ridiculous. You must be joking
 9.	"You're mad!"	i. I don't care.
 10.	"Poppycock!"	j. You don't understand.
 11.	"Balderdash!"	k. Go away, you dangerous creature!
 12.	"You're absolutely off your head!"	1. Get busy.
 13.	"The boy is dotty."	m. My goodness!
 14.	"I don't give a hoot."	n. You're crazy!
 15.	"Jump to it."	o. Absurd!
 16.	"Holy cats!"	p. There's no hope now.