MOOOOLAH X

BEULAH X

BOULA

TOWER X

POWER XX

SHOWER X ARLENE

HOUR

SOUR

FLOUR

DEVOUR X GIANT

WITCHING HOUR X

Referred to in The BFG as “a special moment in the middle of the night when every child and every grown-up was in a deep deep sleep, and all the dark things came out from hiding and had the world to themselves.” We can thank Shakespeare for this evocative phrase: [according to the OED](https://go.redirectingat.com/?id=115076X1574194&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.oed.com%2Fview%2FEntry%2F47156841), “witching time” first appeared in Hamlet (1604).

FEAR

HERE X

BEER

CHEER

CLEAR

DEAR

SMEAR SOMEONE

YEAR

SEVERE X

UNCLEAR

MUSK DEER X

BREXITEER X SOMEONE

STERLING X BARNIER/LEO

HURLING X LEO

MERLIN X BARNIER

SWIRLING

MAY XXXXXX

BARNIER XXXXXX

WAY X

SAY X

TODAY XX

PAY XXX

PLAY XX

SWAY X

ASTRAY X SOMEONE

BUFFET SOMEONE

CAUSEWAY X GIANT

CONVEY

DELAY X ARLENE/MAY

DOOMSDAY X NARRATOR

HALFWAY X MAY/ARLENE

OKAY X

PADRE SOMEONE

OBEY X GIANT

OUTLAY X

PASSE SOMEONE

PREPAY

SORBET

RISQUE X

TOUPEE X TRUMP

DOSSIER X

RUN AWAY

BETRAY X

HEALY-RAE X LEO

MEMORANDA X

PROPAGANDA X

JUNCKER XX SOMEONE

BUNKER XX SOMEONE

TRUMP X

HUMP

BUMP

THUMP

LUMP

GAZZUMP X

STUMP

CHUMP TRUMP

DUMP

GRUMP X SOMEONE

MUGWUMP X

Boris Johnson got his Mugwumps mixed up with his Oompa-Loompas as he launched a bizarre attack on Labour leader Jeremy Corbyn.

The Foreign Secretary warned in a newspaper article that voters should not be lulled into thinking that Mr Corbyn was a "mutton-headed old mugwump" who was essentially harmless.

And he revealed that he believed the obscure term referred to a character in a children's classic by Roald Dahl.

"It's a long time since I read it, but I think it's in Charlie And The Chocolate Factory," Mr Johnson told ITV1's Good Morning Britain.

"I think Willy Wonka says it either to the parents of Violet Beauregarde or Augustus Gloop."

LEO XX LEO

WE OWE X MAY/JUNCKER/BARNIER

COOLIO

DIAGEO LEO

STEREO

CLIO

RIO

ARLENE XXXXX

SCENE XX NARRATOR?

OBSCENE X SOMEONE

MEAN SOMEONE

KEEN X

BEAN XXXXXXX

CLEAN XXX

GREEN LEO

QUEEN X SOMEONE

SCREEN NARRATOR?

CUISINE X GIANT

HYGIENE X SOMEONE

SHEBEEN LEO

SMOKESCREEN X

CASH MACHINE X

GUILLOTINE X GIANT

INTERVENE XX SOMEONE

TIME MACHINE X SOMEONE

TRAMPOLINE XX SOMEONE

BORDER XXX LEO

ORDER X

HOARDER

DISORDER

COW XX

BOW X NARRATOR

NOW X

BROW

CIAO X NARRATOR

HOW

PLOUGH X

VOW SOMEONE

WOW

ALLOW

SOME HOW X

REMAINER X SOMEONE

CONTAINER

CAMPAIGNER X SOMEONE

ABSTAINER

NO-BRAINER

REMAIN XX SOMEONE

CRANE BEANSTALK

DRAIN

GAIN

PAIN

REIGN X MAY/BORIS

TRAIN X SOMEONE

CHAMPAGNE X SOMEONE

COMPLAIN X

EXPLAIN X

DISDAIN X

HUSSEIN X TRUMP

INSANE

MIGRAINE

ORDAIN BORIS

PERTAIN

OBTAIN X

IMPUNITY NARRATOR

UNITY X NARRATOR

COMMUNITY

OPPORTUNITY

IMMUNITY X SOMEONE

BATH XXXXX

LAUGH X

GIRAFFE X

SCARF X

PATH X

WRATH XX

BLOODBATH X SOMEONE

WAR PATH X SOMEONE

AFTERMATH X SOMEONE

PSYCHOPATH SOMEONE

SOCIOPATH X

TAOISEACH X LEO

BOOK

SHOOK

CROOK SOMEONE

ROCK-SOLID X LEO

SQUALID LEO

CAST-IRON X LEO

LEO THE LION X LEO

MARKET X SOMEONE

PARK IT X SOMEONE

PHASE TWO X JUNCKER/NARRATOR

BEEF STEW X

BREAKTHROUGH X SOMEONE

MISCONSTRUE

IQ TRUMP

PURSUE X

TABOO SOMEONE

UNTRUE

WORLD VIEW X TRUMP?

YAHOO X LEO

IRISH STEW X LEO

POINT OF VIEW X

TIMBUKTU

WATERLOO X MAY/DAVIS

BREXIT X SOMEONE

EXIT X

SOFT SOMEONE

WAFT NARRATOR

MICROSOFT LEO

LOFT

HARD XX SOMEONE

GUARD

STARRED X NARRATOR

YARD

BACKYARD

GREEN CARD TRUMP

REGARD

SAFEGUARD

TRUMP CARD TRUMP

IDENTITY CARD X SOMEONE

PRESIDENT X

SCENT X

SPENT

ASCENT

DESCENT X

CONSENT

INTENT X

PREVENT X

RESENT

RESIDENT

DISCONTENT X

BEANSTALK X

BALK

GAWK

HAWK X

WALK

TALK

SWEET TALK X

MOOD X

SCREWED X

CONCLUDE X

FOOD X

GIANT XX

CLIENT

COMPLIANT

DEFIANT XX

RELIANT X

THERESA XX

VISA X

PISA X

MONA LISA X

BORIS X

DORIS

NEGOTIATE XXXX

FATE X

ATE

GREAT

PLATE XX

CREATE

STRAIGHT X

RATE X

CHECKMATE X

DEBATE

FREE STATE LEO

FRUSTRATE

GOLD PLATE

HEART RATE X

IRATE X

MANDATE XX

NEGATE X

PRIMATE TRUMP/DAVIS

REBATE

SEDATE X GIANT

STALEMATE X

TAX RATE

TRANSLATE SOMEONE

CULMINATE X NARRATOR

BRUSSELS X SOMEONE

MUSCLES X SOMEONE

EURO X SOMEONE

BEREAU SOMEONE

UNION XX

REUNION X

COMMUNION

CONCLUSION X

DEAL XX

MEAL X

STEAL X

APPEAL X

TURF X LEO

PAPA SMURF X LEO

TUSK X

BUSK

DUSK XX

MUSK XX

DAHL XX SOMEONE

BANAL X NARRATOR

NEANDERTHAL X

SENEGAL

NEPAL

ROALD X NARRATOR

GOLD XXXX

BOLD

POLLED X

SOLD XX

UNFOLD X

FOOL’S GOLD

GOLDEN TICKET X LEO

These refer to the tickets hidden in chocolate bars that granted access to Willy Wonka’s chocolate factory in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory(1964). The [first golden ticket](https://go.redirectingat.com/?id=115076X1574194&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.oed.com%2Fview%2FEntry%2F79775%23eid1215009798), however, was awarded to 18th century painter William Hogarth, giving him admission to the Vauxhall Gardens in London, in recognition of his paintings of the venue.

BRIQUET

CRICKET X

PICKET

OOMPA LOOMPA X TRUMP

The diminutive factory workers who played music and danced in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory were made more famous by the 1971 film adaption of the book, starring Gene Wilder. Gupta called the phrase “typical Dahlesque,” reflecting how the author played with sound to convey meaning.

PARTY POOPER X

SCRUMDIDDLYUMPTIOUS X SOMEONE

“Extremely scrumptious; excellent, splendid; (esp. of food) delicious.” Although the word was [first found](https://go.redirectingat.com/?id=115076X1574194&url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.wsj.com%2Farticles%2Fin-the-bfg-a-word-big-enough-for-a-roald-dahl-giant-1465577129) in The American Thesaurus of Slang in 1942, Dahl’s giant’s use of it planted it firmly in the minds of every child who read The BFG: “Every human bean is diddly and different. Some is scrumdiddlyumptious and some is uckyslush.”

PLUMPNESS X

GREMLIN SOMEONE

KREMLIN SOMEONE

GIGGLED

NIGGLED X

WRIGGLED

BIFFSQUIGGLED X GIANT

#### If you feel biffsquiggled, you are confused or puzzled.

“’You must not be giving up so easy,’ the BFG said calmly. ‘The first titchy bobsticle you meet and you begin shouting you is biffsquiggled.’” -The BFG

WRINKLED X

CRODSQUINKLED X GIANT

#### Crodsquinkled (adjective): If a giant is crodsquinkled, he is in a hopeless situation.

“’I is slopgroggled!’ squakwed the Gizzardgulper. ‘I is crodsquinkled!’ yowled the Bloodletter.” -The BFG

SKEDADDLE X

#### Daddle (verb): If you daddle, you run very fast.

PADDLE X

PLUNGE

DISPUNGE SOMEONE

#### Dispunge (verb): If you dispunge something, you hate or loathe it.

“’Here is the repulsant snozzcumber!’ cried the BFG, waving it about. ‘I squoggle it! I mispise it! I dispunge it!’” -The BFG

ZOZIMUS X

(STUFF DREAMS ARE MADE OF)

HIPPOPOTAMUS X

TRUMPET MAY/TRUMP

#### FRUMPET Frumpet (noun): If you call someone a frumpet (not that you would), you mean that they are old and unattractive.

“Mrs. Twit ... suddenly called out at the top of her voice, ‘Here I come, you grizzly old grunion! You rotten old turnip! You filthy old frumpet!’” -The Twits

MUNCH

LUNCH X

PUNCH

HUNCH

BRUNCH

GRUNCH X GIANT

#### Grunch (verb): When a Gruncher grunches, it easts its food (usually Minpins) noisily by grinding and crunching.

“The one waiting for you down there is the fearsome Gruncher, the Red-Hot Smoke-Belching Gruncher. He grunches up everything in the forest.” -The Minpins

BALLYBUNION X GIANT

GRUNION X GIANT

#### Grunion (noun): A very mean or grumpy person.

“George ... was especially tired of having to live in the same house as that grizzly old grunion of a Grandma.” -George’s Marvellous Medicine

COOKIE X

ROOKIE

FORTUNE COOKIE

HOOKY

INKY-BOOKY X GIANT JUNCKER

#### Inky-booky (adjective): An inky-booky taste is the taste you get from chewing a piece of paper with writing on it. School-chiddlers taste like this to giants, perhaps because they read more than giants do.

“I is very fond indeed of English school-chiddlers. They has a nice inky-booky flavour.” -The BFG

DRIBBLING X

NIBBLING X

QUIBBLING

PIBBLING X

#### Pibbling (adjective): Very small and unimportant.

“You is not fit to be a giant! You is a squinky little squiddler! You is a pibbling little pitsqueak.” -The BFG

CELLAR

DWELLER

STORY TELLER X NARRATOR

RINGBELLER X NARRATOR/DAVIS

#### Ringbeller (noun): A ringbeller is a really splendid dream, the kind that makes you wake up smiling and happy.

“’What a funny dream,’ Sophie said. ‘It’s a ringbeller,’ the BFG said. ‘It’s whoppsy.’” -The BFG

SPOT

NOT

LOT X

GOT X

SWAT

SNOT X

ROMMYTOT X

#### Rommytot (noun): If someone talks rommytot, they are talking nonsense.

“’Human beans is juicier,’ the Bloodletter said. ‘You is talking rommytot,’ the BFG said, growing braver by the second.” -The BFG

AMBITIOUS

VICIOUS

DELICIOUS X

FICTITIOUS X

MALICIOUS

NUTRITIOUS

SUSPICIOUS

SQUISHOUS X GIANT

#### Squishous (adjective): Something squishous is very easy to squish, like a boneless Knid.

“’Oh you Knid, you are vile and vermicious,’ cried Mr Wonka. ‘You are slimy and soggy and squishous!’” -Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator

VERMICIOUS X GIANT

**Vermicious (adjective): Something vermicious is vicious and nasty, just like a Knid.**

“’It’s worse than that!’ cried the Chief of Police. ‘It’s a vermicious Knid! Oh, just look at its vermicious gruesome face!’” -James and the Giant Peach

WHIPPLE-SCRUMPTIOUS FUDGEMALLOW DELIGHT X

This delicacy from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is not only the candy bar in which Charlie finds a Golden Ticket, it's also a phrase that manages to be exciting and delicious all at once.

BITE

FIGHT X

NIGHT X

PLIGHT

SITE

SIGHT X

SPRITE X NARRATOR

FRIGHT

WATERTIGHT X LEO/ARLENE/MAY

BIRTHRIGHT

FORESIGHT

GREEN LIGHT

HINDSIGHT X

LUDDITE X

CORBYNITE X MAY/DAVIS/BORIS

REWRITE X

STAGE RIGHT X

DIVORCE BILL X SOMEONE

BITTER PILL X

FULFILL X

FREE WILL

GOODWILL

STANDSTILL X

DEADLINE X

SPINE

SWINE

WHINE

WINE

ASSIGN

DECLINE X

GRAPEVINE

INCLINE

LIFELINE

MALIGN

OUTLINE X

RESIGN X

SKYLINE X

ALIGN X

FULL ALIGNMENT XX SOMEONE

CONFINEMENT X

REFINEMENT X

LEAVERS X SOMEONE

DECEIVERS X

CITIZENSHIP

GUILT TRIP

EGO TRIP

BRINKMANSHIP

LEADERSHIP

IRISH SEA X LEO/ARLENE

AGREE

FORESEE

DEPORTEE

GARDÁI X LEO

REFERENDUM X NARRATOR

AGENDUM X

EXPORT

PASSPORT

COURT

ABORT

CONSORT

DEPORT

IMPORT

SUPPORT

TRAVEL SOMEONE

UNRAVEL

TRADE X SOMEONE

AID X

PAID

DELAYED

PERSUADE

CHARADE

FARAGE X SOMEONE

BARRAGE

MASSAGE

MIRAGE

ENTOURAGE

SABOTAGE X

SPECIAL STATUS X LEO/ARLENE

HIATUS X

WITHDRAWAL X SOMEONE

FALL

DONEGAL X SOMEONE/ARLENE

PITFALL

SHORTFALL

SNOWBALL

WINDFALL X

CURTAIN CALL X NARRATOR

PERIOD OF TRANSITION X SOMEONE

MISSION X

COMMISSION

CONDITION X

MAGICIAN

PARTITION X SOMEONE

SUBMISSION X

COALITION X

OPPOSITION

POLITICIAN X

RECOGNITION

DEFINITION

REDEFINITION

DECISION XX

VISION

POSITION X

GOOD FRIDAY AGREEMENT X LEO/ARLENE

APPEASEMENT X

NORTH X SOMEONE

BACK AND FORTH

IMMIGRATION X

MIGRATION

NATION X

STATION X

FRUSTRATION

DURATION

NARRATION

TRANSLATION

CALCULATION

CELEBRATION X

CONDEMNATION X

CONFIRMATION X

CONFRONTATION X

CONVERSATION

FABRICATION

PRONUNCIATION

SEGREGATION X

WELCOME DIVERSION LEO

ASPERSION

IMMERSION X LEO

REVISED VERSION X LEO/ARLENE

PENALTY POINTS X LEO

MAURICE MCCABE X LEO

BABE

FITZGERALD X LEO

HERALD X

TRIGGERED X SOMEONE

CONSIDERED

DELIVERED X

CONFIGURED

ARTICLE 50 XX SOMEONE

SHIFTY

NIFTY

THRIFTY X

MARIE LE PEN X GIANT

BUSINESSMEN X

WISE MEN

SHANNON GIANT

WATER CANNON

STEVE BANNON

TEL AVIV X TRUMP

GRIEVE

AGGRIEVE X

CONCEIVE

DECEIVE

NAÏVE

REPRIEVE

MICONCEIVE

JERUSALEM X TRUMP

CONDEMN X

MAYHEM

STEM

THEM

GEM

SAD X

BAD X

STUPID

CUPID

LOSER X

MISSILE CRUISER X

ABUSER

ACCUSER

ANTI-MUSLIM X

KIM X

GRIM

HYMN

COVFEFE X

SPELLING BEE X

PUTIN

RASPUTIN

RUSSIAN X

REPERCUSSION X

DISCUSSION

CONCUSSION X

FAKE X

GIMME A BREAK

HANDSHAKE X

SNAKE

TAX RETURNS X

TAKE TURNS

COLLUSION X

INTRUSION X

NEWS X

ABUSE X

TWEET X

CHEAT X

WALL STREET X

FOR ALL OF MY CONCEIT X

ELECTION X

COMPLEXION X

INSPECTION

DEFLECTION