GOBBLEFUNK

Gobblefunk is the language created by Roald Dahl to give the BFG his unique voice. It is comprised of silly words that are similar to words found in the English language and are used when ordinary words just won't do.

The filmmakers were initially concerned that the words would make the characters' dialogue too confusing for the audience to understand. “We didn’t want it to stop people from listening and trying to understand a line of dialogue because they just didn’t get it,” explains executive producer Kathleen Kennedy, “But after hearing how Mark Rylance spoke it, we all wanted more.”

The actor wanted more of the language as well, and he wanted to repeat the words so that they actually became part of his character’s strict vernacular. “He wasn’t just pulling things out of his hat,” says Rylance. “The BFG has words that he uses for certain things and he repeats them in his life.”

A Gobblefunk Glossary

Cannybully ............ Cannibal
Chatbags ............... Chatterbox
Chidlers ............... Children
Crickety Crackety .... Sound of cracking bones
Delumptious ........... Delicious
Despunge .............. Deplore
Earbursting ........... Loud
Figglers ............... Fingers
Frobscottle .......... Carbonated soft drink where bubbles float downwards rather than upwards
Frumpkin Fry .......... Pumpkin Pie
Giggler ............... Little Girls
Glummy ............... Yummy
Glumptious .......... Scrumptious
Golden Phizzwizard ... A wonderful dream
Hippodumplings ... Hippopotamus
Hipswitch ............. Hence/Straightaway
Human Beans .......... Human Beings
Humbug ............... Humble
Humplehammers ...... Something that is very big
Jabbeling ............. Babbling
Jiggyraffes .......... Giraffes
Majester ............... Majesty
Murderful ............. Murderous
Phizzwizards .......... Happy dreams
Rummytot .............. Nonsense
Rumpledumpus ......... Rumpus
Scrumdiddlyumptious .. Scrumptious
Scuddling ............. Scurrying
Skumping ............. Worried
Sloshfunking ........... Like godforsaken
Snazzcumber .......... A gruesome vegetable only found in Giant Country
Splitzwiggled .......... Caught
Swalloped ............. Swallowed
Swigpill ............... Swill
Swizzfiggling .......... Deceiving
Telly-telly Bunkum Box . Television
Trogglehumper .......... A horrible nightmare
Whiffling ............. Going off to somewhere
Whizzpopper ........... Fart
Whopsey .......... Adjective similar to little or trifling