

Character Breakdown for *James And The Giant Peach*
All roles, except James, are for students who look High School age.

Ladahlord

A strange, magical storyteller. Often inserts himself into the story, in disguise, to help push the action forward.

Gender: any

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: A2

James

A lonely young boy who lacks confidence. Having lost both his parents in a freak accident, he feels he belongs nowhere in the world. However, when given the right encouragement he becomes resourceful and innovative. A good friend.

Gender: Male (can be played by a girl but as a boy)

Age: 7 to 15

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: C4

Spiker

James' mean aunt. A thief and a scoundrel. Shrewd and opportunistic. Very tall and thin.

Gender: Female

Age: 14-18

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: F3

Sponge

James' other mean aunt. Also a thief and a scoundrel, but not nearly as bright as her sister. Very corpulent, she often has her mind on food.

Gender: Female

Age: 14-18

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: F3

Spider

A normal spider who has become human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. Her husband was killed and eaten by Spiker and Sponge. She is warm and friendly to James. This actor also plays Woman with Purse and Reporter 1.

Gender: Female

Age: 14-18

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: E3

Grasshopper

A wizened grasshopper who has become human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. An excellent musician. Has his eye on Ladybug. This actor also plays Man with Wallet and Garden Guild.

Gender: Male

Age: 14-18

Vocal range top: Gb4

Vocal range bottom: B2

Plays the violin if possible – not a deal breaker though

Centipede

An ornery centipede who becomes human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. Hates humans, in part because Spiker and Sponge fumigated his family. Prickly and rude, everyone thinks he is a pest. This actor also plays Buzz, the Hollywood agent.

Gender: either

Age: 14-18

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: B2

Ladybug

A motherly ladybug who has become human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. Respectable and classy, she has a warm, caring heart. Has her eye on Grasshopper. This actor also plays Matron Nurse and Reporter.

Gender: Female

Age: 14-18

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: E3

Earthworm

An earthworm who has become human-sized after eating a crocodile tongue. A bit of a scaredy-cat. He is neurotic and worried about everything, but is very friendly and brave when called upon. This actor also plays Bobby Cop and Bitzi Botana.

Gender: Either

Age: 14-18

Vocal range top: G#4

Vocal range bottom: C3