

Do the preparation task first. Then read the article and do the exercises to check your understanding.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... a genius | a. actions which attack, hit or hurt people |
| 2..... a factory | b. hurt or pain which is given to somebody who has broken a rule |
| 3..... violence | c. unkind and unfair |
| 4..... a giant | d. a type of school; the students live there as well as study |
| 5..... a tale | e. somebody who is extremely intelligent |
| 6..... cruel | f. a fictional story |
| 7..... a boarding school | g. a character in stories who is extremely big, tall and strong |
| 8..... punishment | h. a building where products are made |

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best option to complete these sentences.

1. Roald Dahl is a well-known **actor / journalist / writer** from the UK.
2. Roald was born in **Wales / Norway / Washington DC** on 13 September 1916.
3. In many of his stories, the characters are treated **kindly / cruelly / fairly** by other people, but they win in the end.
4. During the Second World War, Roald **wrote novels / flew fighter planes / worked for the Shell Company**.
5. In '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**' / '**The BFG**' / '**Matilda**', the main character is a boy who hopes to find a golden ticket.
6. In '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**' / '**The BFG**' / '**Matilda**', the main character is a girl who develops amazing powers.
7. In '**Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**' / '**The BFG**' / '**Matilda**', some of the characters are not human.
8. If you want to know more about Roald's amazing life, you should read '**Matilda**' / '**Boy: Tales of Childhood**' / '**The BFG**'.

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

play	Check out	tell
get	have	get

1. Roald Dahl could _____ a story in a fun and interesting way.
2. To _____ a trick on the owner of a sweet shop, he put a dead mouse in one of the jars of sweets!
3. Roald was happy to _____ a job in East Africa.
4. In 'The BFG', Sophie decides to _____ someone to help: the Queen!
5. Why not _____ a go at reading one of his books?
6. _____ the official Roald Dahl website.

Discussion

Which Roald Dahl books have you read?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learned in this lesson.