



Matilda by Roald Dahl

Chapter 1: The reader of books

1. Choose the right words in *italics*.

- a) *Miss Trunchbull* / *Matilda* is clever and unusual.
- b) *Miss Honey* / *Miss Trunchbull* will probably help Matilda.
- c) Roald Dahl's parents came from *Wales* / *Norway*.
- d) Roald Dahl wrote stories for *children* / *children and adults*.

2. Write your own answers to these questions:

- a) How old were you when you learned to read?

- b) What was the first book that you read?

- c) Do you remember your first day at school? What happened and how did you feel?

While you read

4. Are these sentences right (R) or wrong (W)?

- a) Mr and Mrs Wormwood are good parents. _____
- b) Matilda's brother is not as clever as Matilda. _____
- c) There are lots of books in the Wormwood house. _____
- d) A lot of small children go to the village library alone. _____
- e) Matilda loves the library. _____
- f) Matilda reads a book by a famous writer when she was four years old. _____

After you read

5. What can Matilda do at the age of one and a half?

6. What can Matilda do at the age of three?

7. What can Matilda do at the age of four?

8. Why does Mrs Phelps watch Matilda with surprise and excitement?

9. Why doesn't Mr Wormwood want Matilda to read books?

10. What does Matilda ask her father to buy for her and what is his response?

11. What does Matilda's mother do every day?

12. What does Matilda decide to do every day?

13. What is the first adult book Matilda reads?

14. What does Matilda cook for herself when she is reading?

15. How do you think Matilda's parents will react when they found out about her going to the library and reading every day? _____

Chapter 2: Mr Wormwood, the great Car Dealer

1. Write True or False next to each sentence.

a) Matilda's parents are busy doing things that aren't important. _____

b) Matilda just looks at the pictures in the book _____

c) Matilda's father buys and sells cars. _____

d) Matilda's father is an honest man. _____

e) Matilda's father drives cars backwards for thousands of miles. _____

f) Matilda wants to watch TV with her family. _____

2. Do you think Mr wormwood is a good father? Why/why not?

3. Do you prefer watching TV or reading? Why do you feel this way?

4. What does Mr Wormwood use sawdust for?

5. Why does Mr Wormwood use a drill at work?

6. What does Matilda think about how her father runs his business?

7. Explain "platinum blonde hair".

8. What do the Wormwoods normally eat for dinner and where do they eat it?

9. What does Matilda decide to do after her father is "beastly" to her?

10. Work with another student. A customer is buying a car from Mr Wormwood. Have their conversation.

Student A: You are Mr Wormwood. Try to sell a car to the customer.

Student B: You are a customer. You want to buy a cheap car, but you want a good car.

Try to have a conversation.