



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?

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

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

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### 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?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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12. What does Matilda decide to do every day?

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13. What is the first adult book Matilda reads?

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

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

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## 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?

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

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4. What does Mr Wormwood use sawdust for?

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

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

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7. Explain "platinum blonde hair".

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

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

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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.