

Roald Dahl Centenary Teacher's Notes **A1+**

This A1+-level article will introduce your pupils to one of the most famous children's storytellers. Some of them may already be familiar with his stories, and the recent release of Spielberg's *BFG* will have drawn attention to one of his most endearing characters

Vocabulary and Structures

- Dates
- Simple present and simple past
- Building sand room

Interaction:

- We suggest video projecting the article and starting by asking students to look at the images to say what they can.
- Have students do the first set of activities (Roald Dahl).
- Activity A deals with dates before using them in a short written presentation which will then be delivered orally in small groups under teacher supervision. Have students pay special attention to rhythm.
- Move on to the second set of activities (Roald Dahl's characters).

Reading + Writing + Speaking

- The first activity is meant to check students' understanding, while the second one moves on to creating links and is more difficult. Ask students to say which word(s) helped them guess who said what.
- The third activity is linguistic but can also be used as a recap to make sure every student is engaged in the activities.
- The Gobblefunk activity should be fun but some students may need help to get ideas. Don't spend too much time on it.
- The final activity can play the role of a final task, and should be short. Have students recycle what they learnt about Roald Dahl's characters and practise aloud. When their conversation is ready have them

play their part in front of the class if they feel up to it.

Solutions

Roald Dahl

A.1. d 2. c 3. a 4. b

B. was born, died, Roald Dahl

Roald Dahl's Characters

A. Matilda loves reading / is very intelligent / can multiply large numbers / has magic powers.

Charlie is poor / loves chocolate.

Sophie gets kidnapped / goes to dream country.

B.

He / she says....	He / she is...
1. I'll have just one more of those chocolate bars.	Charlie
2. P...please don't eat me!	Sophie
3. Where are the children's books, please?	Matilda
4. I make hot ice cubes to make hot drinks hotter.	Mr Willy Wonka
5. Welcome, my little friends! Welcome to the factory!	Mr Willy Wonka
6. I'm very fond of Charles Dickens.	Matilda
7. I think it's the most wonderful place in the whole world!	Charlie
8. This is a fantastic dream, a phizzwizzard.	The BFG

C. Roald Dahl: a storyteller, a pilot

Matilda: a reader

Mr Willy Wonka: a factory manager

Steven Spielberg: a film director

The Big Friendly Giant: a dream collector

Charlie: a chocolate lover

Quentin Blake: an illustrator

Be Creative

Possible answers:

delicious + cookie = delicookie/dookie/
decookie....

horrible + monster = horrister / + teacher =
horricher...

stupid + movie = stupivie / + singer =
stupinger...

yummy + pizza = yumza / spaghetti =
yumghetti...