1. MATCH UPS

Can you match these characters to the correct description?

I made friends with a Big Friendly Giant.

I mixed up an amazing potion for my grandmother.

I fainted when I found a frog in my bed.

I rolled off on an adventure in a big beautiful peach.

I was hunted by three farmers called Boggis, Bunce and Bean.

For my lunch, I’d like to eat a nice juicy child.

Which of these Roald Dahl characters is your favourite, and why?

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2. WORMY SPAGHETTI

The next day, to pay her husband back for the frog trick, Mrs Twit sneaked out into the garden and dug up some worms. She chose big long ones and put them in a tin and carried the tin back to the house under her apron.

At one o’clock, she cooked spaghetti for lunch and she mixed the worms in with the spaghetti, but only on her husband’s plate. The worms didn’t show because everything was covered with tomato sauce and sprinkled with cheese.

Extract from The Twits by Roald Dahl

Have you ever played a trick on a friend or someone in your family? Maybe it was an April Fool’s Day joke. What did you do? What was their reaction?

If you’ve haven’t, imagine what kind of trick you’d like to play, or draw a picture to show your trick.

MY TRICK
3. MISSING WORDS

Can you fill in the gaps using the words listed below?

“I’m the cleverest _______ on the whole river,” the _______ Crocodile answered. “For my _______ today, I shall feast upon a fat _______ little _______ while you lie here in the _______ feeling hungry. Goodbye.”

The Enormous Crocodile _______ to the side of the river, and _______ out of the water.

Extract from *The Enormous Crocodile* by Roald Dahl

- crawled
- juicy
- river
- Enormous
- swam
- lunch
- child
- croc
“ESIO TROT, ESIO TROT,
TEG REGGIB REGGIB!
EMOC NO, ESIO TROT,
WORG PU, FFUP PU, TOOHS PU.”

Extract from Esio Trot by Roald Dahl

In Esio Trot, Mr Hoppy writes this poem in ‘tortoise language’ (he says tortoises can only understand words that are written backwards) to make Mrs Silver’s tortoise, Alfie, grow.

These animals have all been written in tortoise language? Can you work out what they are?

| RAEB  | ________________ |
| EFFARIG | ________________ |
| REGIT  | ________________ |
| TNAHPELE | ________________ |
| NOIL   | ________________ |
| TIBBAR | ________________ |
| HSIFDLOG | ________________ |
| RETSMAH | ________________ |

Now write an animal of your own in tortoise language and draw a picture of it.

MY ANIMAL IS ___________________
5. FUN FACTS

Roald Dahl was fascinated by facts – and he loved collecting them. Here are three amazing true facts that you may not know.

1 Saffron is the world’s most expensive food when sold by weight. It’s made from the stigmas of the purple crocus.

2 Some of the greatest chocolate bars in the world were invented between 1930 and 1937. Aero, Crunchies, Maltesers, Mars bars and Smarties all date back to this time – and were all favourites with Roald!

3 The composer Beethoven composed some of his best work when he was deaf. Beethoven was Roald Dahl’s favourite composer.

Here are six ‘facts’ about Dahl and his books. See if you can guess which are true and which are false.

A. *Matilda* was originally going to be a story about a boy called Jimmy.

B. Roald Dahl received more fan mail from his readers in the US than anywhere else.

C. Roald Dahl once wrote his own revolting recipe to make hair grow.

D. Easter was Dahl’s least favourite time of the year.

E. In the original version of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, there were 10 horrible children.

F. Roald Dahl kept a huge jar of winegums by his bed in case he got peckish at night.
6. WHO AM I?

Using the clues, try and work out which Roald Dahl character is being described.

Clue 1 I haven’t any brothers or sisters.
Clue 2 I have a very grumpy old Grandma.
Clue 3 I invented an amazing potion for her.

Who am I?

Clue 1 My father is a second-hand car dealer.
Clue 2 My teacher is called Miss Honey.
Clue 3 I love reading.

Who am I?

Now, write three clues of your own for your favourite Roald Dahl character and try them out on your classmates.

Clue 1
Clue 2
Clue 3

Who am I?