



What is Roald Dahl's best book?

Roald Dahl would have been 100 on 13th September 2016. His books are funny, imaginative and scary. But what is Roald Dahl's best book?

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is about a very poor boy who wins the chance of a lifetime – a visit to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and a lifetime supply of chocolate! Readers will love to find out what happens to the other competition winners who are nasty, greedy and lazy.



Fantastic Mr Fox

Mr Fox is a brave and cunning hero. Readers will love Mr Fox's clever plot to take on Boggis, Bunce and Bean, a mean group of farmers who want to kill him.



The Witches

The Witches is a story about a small boy who accidentally stumbles on a witches' **convention**. Although the witches are terrifying, readers will love to cheer on the hero of the story.

James and the Giant Peach

James and the Giant Peach is the heart-warming story of an incredible friendship between James, a lonely **orphan**, and a group of oversized bugs.



Matilda

Matilda is a much-loved character who everyone will want to succeed. In this story, Matilda is a little girl with special powers. Unfortunately, her family do not appreciate her talents. Readers will all want Matilda to succeed – but this seems impossible!



The BFG

The BFG is a lovable character who gets his words muddled up. When he strikes up a friendship with Sophie, a small orphan, his life will change forever.

The Twits

Mr and Mrs Twit are two of Roald Dahl's most hideous and memorable characters. The mean jokes that they play on each other are **hilarious**.

George's Marvellous Medicine

Who would want a grandma like George's? She is cruel, bossy and bitter. Roald Dahl's imaginative punishment for this woman will have readers laughing out loud.

Glossary

convention – a large meeting

orphan – a child with no parents

BFG – Big Friendly Giant

hilarious – very funny



Questions

1. How old would Roald Dahl have been on 13th September 2016? Tick **one**.

- 100 90
 110 105

2. What does Willy Wonka's factory make? Tick **one**.

- sausages chocolate
 crisps toys

3. Which of these is not a farmer in Fantastic Mr Fox. Tick **one**.

- Bean Bodley
 Bunce Boggis

4. Draw lines to match up the character with the book title.

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|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| Sophie | Fantastic Mr Fox |
| Grandma | The BFG |
| Boggis | George's Marvellous Medicine |
| Willy Wonka | Charlie and the Chocolate Factory |

5. Fill in the missing words.

Mr and Mrs _____ are two of Roald Dahl's most hideous and _____ characters.

6. Find and copy the **three** words used to describe the competition winners in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

7. How do you think Charlie felt when he won the competition? Explain your answer.

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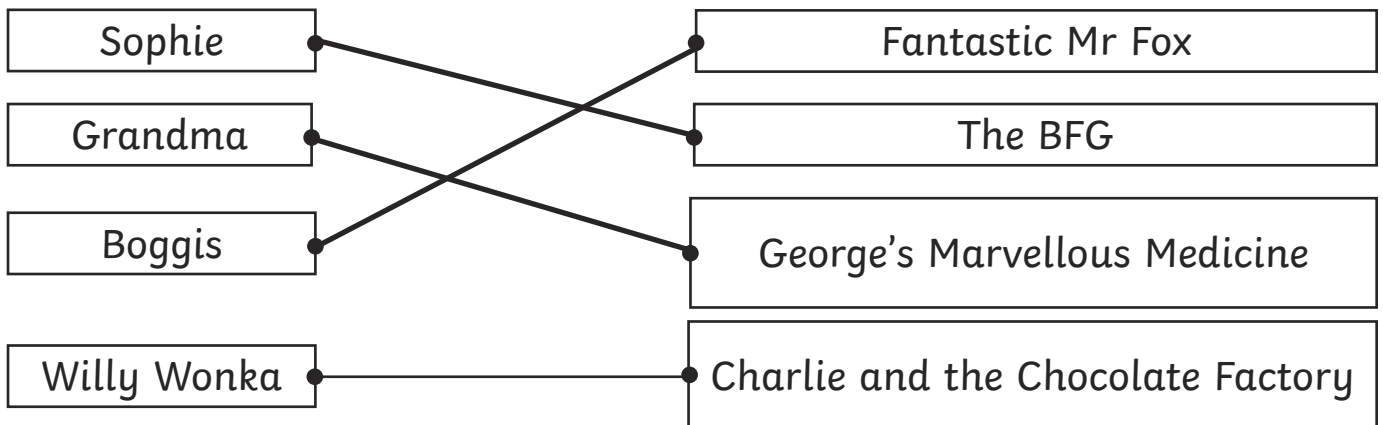
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1. Nasty 2. Greedy 3. Lazy

7. How do you think Charlie felt when he won the competition? Explain your answer.

Child's own responses such as: I think he felt happy because he won a visit to Willy Wonka's factory and a lifetime supply of chocolate. He was very poor, so this made the prize even more special.



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Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

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Fantastic Mr Fox

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The Witches

Roald Dahl's The Witches could give you nightmares. The really terrifying thing is that these witches live amongst us every day, planning how to kill small children. Could the lady sitting at the bus stop be a witch? Readers will cheer on the hero of the story, a nameless seven-year-old boy, who tries to stop these wicked women.

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Maltida

Matilda is a much loved character who everyone will want to **succeed**. In this story, Matilda is a little girl with special powers. Unfortunately, her family do not appreciate her talents. **Audiences** will want Matilda to be happy – but this seems impossible!



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George's Marvellous Medicine

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Glossary

debate – an argument/discussion

succeed – to be successful

surreal – unusual and weird

audiences – people reading the book

Questions

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- April July September October

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- A fire/radiator which warms someone up.
 A painful feeling in your chest
 Something that makes you feel happy
 Something that makes you feel sad

3. What two things did Charlie win? Tick **two**.

- A new car
 A visit to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory
 A lifetime supply of chocolate
 A trip to a theme park in Florida

4. Which two words best describe George's grandma? Tick **two**.

- kind gentle mean cruel

5. Fill in the missing words.

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Mr and Mrs Twit play mean jokes on each other.

7. Why do readers think Mr Fox is a hero?

Readers think Mr Fox is a brave and cunning hero because he plots to take on three farmers called Boggis, Bunce and Bean. Mr Fox is protecting his family from these mean men who want to starve them.

8. Explain why 'The Witches' might give people nightmares.

Children's own responses using ideas from the text, such as: The Witches could give you nightmares because they live amongst us every day, planning how to kill small children. Could the lady sitting at the bus stop be a witch?



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The story of **The BFG** is about a lovable giant. Readers will fall in love with this kind character who gets his words muddled up. When he strikes up a friendship with Sophie, a small orphan, his life will change forever.

The Twits is a story about Mr and Mrs Twit, two of Roald Dahl's most hideous and memorable characters. Readers will love the mean jokes that they play on each other, they're hilarious.

Who would want a grandma like George's? She is cruel, bossy and **bitter**. **George's Marvellous Medicine** will have readers laughing out loud when they discover how George plans to seek his revenge.

Glossary

BFG – Big Friendly Giant

Bitter – feeling angry and resentful because something bad has happened to them



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Charlie won the chance of a lifetime – a visit to Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and a lifetime supply of Chocolate!

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Readers love Mr and Mrs Twit because they play mean jokes on each other which the readers will find funny.

5. Describe George's grandma.

She is cruel, bossy and bitter.

6. In *The Witches*, the boy 'gives these horrible women a taste of their own medicine.' Can you explain what this phrase means?

The phrase 'a taste of their own medicine' means that the witches are experiencing the same unpleasantness that they have been inflicting on children. We know that they hide amongst unaware ordinary people and that they plot how to kill children. Therefore, the boy must be hiding among unaware witches plotting how to get rid of them all.

7. Why is *The BFG* a suitable name for this story?

The BFG is a suitable name for the story because it is about a giant, who is kind and friendly.

8. 'Over the years there has been great debate about which of his books was the best.' Explain why you think this is.

The word debate is similar to the word argue. This phrase means that people have strong opinions about Roald Dahl books because they are so amazing. As a result, readers will argue which book they like best because they have such strong opinions on the subject.