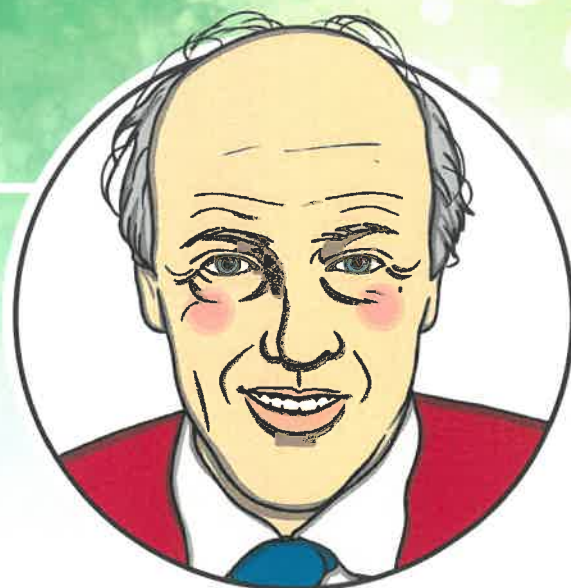


Roald Dahl

Who Was Roald Dahl?

- Roald Dahl wrote children's books.
- He was born on 13th September 1916 in Wales.
- His mum and dad were from Norway.
- Roald went away to school where he stayed during term time.



What Did He Write?

His first famous children's book was 'James and the Giant Peach'. He wrote it for his own children in 1961. He wrote other books too.



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



The Witches



Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator



Matilda



The Enormous Crocodile



George's Marvellous Medicine



The BFG

What Happened to Roald Dahl?

Roald Dahl lived until he was 74 years old. Many children around the world still love to read his books. Roald Dahl Day is celebrated every year on his birthday. This is a celebration of his wonderful work.

Did You Know...?

Roald Dahl got the idea for 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory' when he was asked to try different sorts of chocolate at school.

Questions

1. Where was Roald Dahl born? Tick one.

- England
- Scotland
- Wales

2. Which country were his parents from? Tick one.

- Germany
- Norway
- France

3. Which one of these is the name of one of Roald Dahl's books? Tick one.

- Stickman
- Matilda
- The Gruffalo

4. What month is Roald Dahl Day? Tick one.

- June
- December
- September

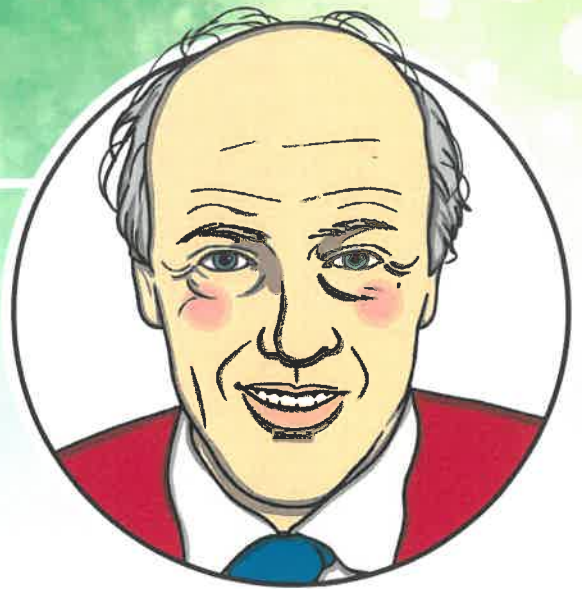
5. What was Roald's first famous children's book? Tick one.

- The BFG
- James and the Giant Peach
- Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Roald Dahl

Who Was Roald Dahl?

Roald Dahl wrote some of the most popular children's books in the world. He was born on 13th September 1916 in Wales. His parents were from Norway. Roald went away to school where he stayed during term time. He did not like it very much. He joined the Royal Air Force during the Second World War when he was 23. He became a pilot.



What Are His Most Famous Books?

Roald started writing about being a fighter pilot. He then started to write children's books. His first famous children's book was 'James and the Giant Peach'. He wrote it for his own children in 1961. He later wrote 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'. He wrote lots of other books too.

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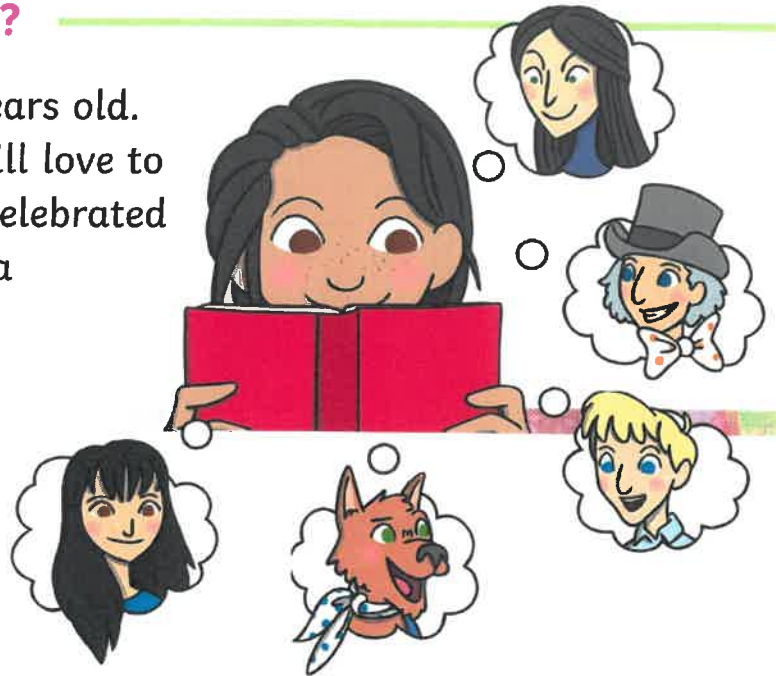


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Roald also wrote some books for grown ups. Lots of Roald's books have been made into films. Matilda has also been made into a stage show.

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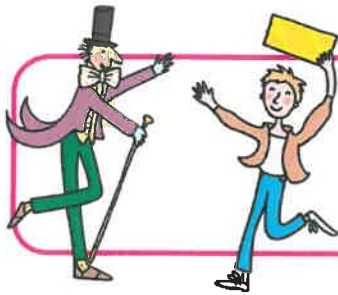
Questions

1. Which month was Roald Dahl born in? Tick one.
 March
 December
 September
2. Circle **one** word that tells us that lots of children like Roald Dahl's books.
Roald Dahl wrote some of the most popular children's books in the world...
3. Number the events from 1-4 to show the order in which they happened.
The first one has been done for you.
 Roald Dahl went away to school.
 1 Roald Dahl was born in Wales.
 Roald Dahl published 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'.
 Roald Dahl became a pilot.
4. Find and copy the name of a Roald Dahl book that has been made into a stage show.

5. How might people celebrate and remember Roald Dahl's work?

ROALD DAHL

Roald Dahl was born on September 13th 1916. He was born in Wales. Dahl isn't a Welsh name - both of his parents were from Norway. Roald's father died when he was four years old.



Did you know?

Roald Dahl could not find anyone to publish Charlie and the Chocolate Factory for years.

He used to get in trouble at school and was told off a lot. Some people think that he based the character of Mrs Trunchbull in Matilda on one of his old teachers. He didn't enjoy school. He didn't like following rules and wanted to travel to other countries instead.

After finishing school, he went to many different places like Canada and Africa. He flew planes in the Second World War and was badly injured in a crash in Egypt.

After the crash, he moved to America and started writing. When he started, he didn't write children's books. He wrote stories for newspapers and magazines. At this time, he married his wife, Patricia Neal.

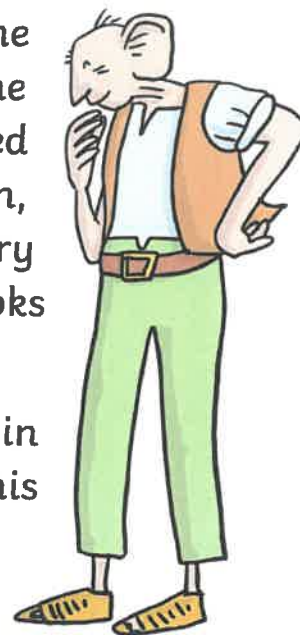
Did you know?

Roald Dahl helped to write the film, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.



Roald Dahl loved telling his children bedtime stories and these bedtime stories gave him the ideas for his children's books. His first published children's book was *James and the Giant Peach*, which was published in 1961. After this, every book he wrote was successful. Most of his books have been made into films.

Roald Dahl sadly died on the 12th of November in 1990. He was 74 years old when he died. In his lifetime, he wrote 19 children's books.



Roald Dahl

Answer the following questions using full sentences that give as much detail as possible.

1. In what year was Roald Dahl born?

2. Where were his parents from?

3. Why did he not like school?

4. Where did he crash during the war?

5. What was Roald Dahl's wife's name?

6. In what year was his first children's book published?

Brown
Bears.

ROALD DAHL

Roald Dahl was born on September 13th 1916, in Llandaff, Cardiff. Though he was born in Wales, his name is not Welsh. Both of his parents were from Norway. Roald Dahl used to go on holidays to visit his family in Oslo when he was a child. Unfortunately, his father died when he was only four years old.

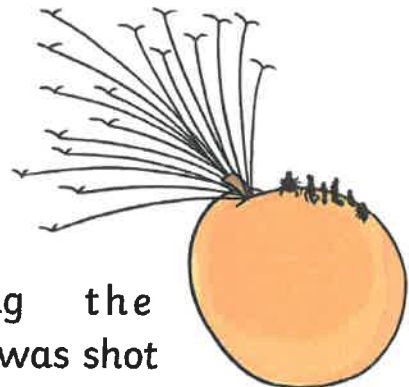


Did you know?

The tree in Fantastic Mr Fox is based on one that grew outside his home.

Roald Dahl often found himself in trouble at school as he didn't like the routine or following rules. He was once beaten by his teacher for putting a mouse in a jar of gobstoppers. Roald Dahl never forgot the gobstoppers and they are found in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory as Everlasting Gobstoppers. He moved school and never went to university, choosing to travel the world instead.

As soon as he could leave school, Roald travelled to Canada and soon after that, he chose to work in Tanzania, Africa. His thirst for adventure wasn't satisfied by just travelling. In 1939, he joined the RAF (Royal Air Force) to be a fighter pilot during the Second World War. During a mission, he was shot



Did you know?

Roald Dahl has sold over 200 million copies of his books.

down over Egypt and was badly injured, needing a number of operations that meant he could no longer be a pilot.

As he could no longer take part in the war, he moved to America and started writing for newspapers and magazines. Though he was a good writer, he always wanted to write stories that were more imaginary than real. This was perfect for children's books.

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Answer the following questions using full sentences that give as much detail as possible.

1. Where and when was Roald Dahl born?

2. Why did he not have a Welsh name?

3. Why was he beaten by his teacher?

4. Why did he stop writing for newspapers and magazines?

5. In what year did he join the RAF and what does RAF stand for?

6. What forced him to take up writing?

7. How old was he when died?

8. What is your favourite Roald Dahl book and why?
