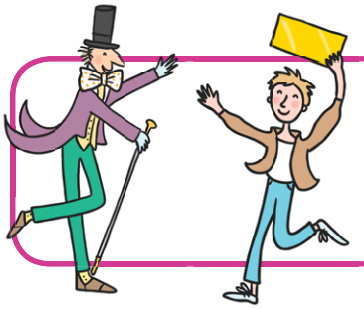
ROALD DAHL



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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.

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4. Where did he crash during the war?

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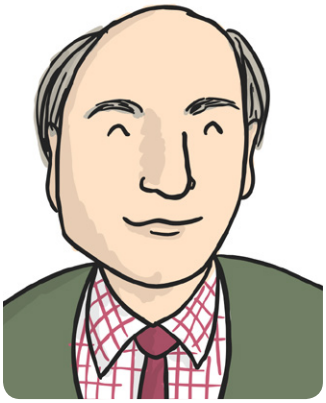
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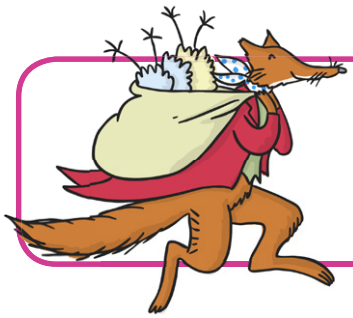
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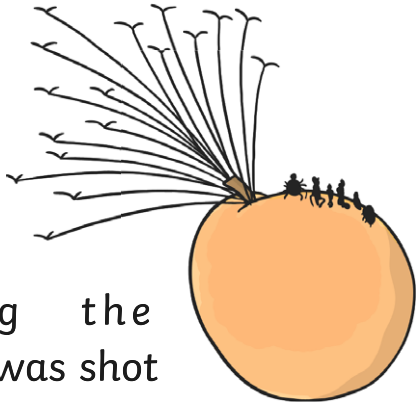


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Roald Dahl often found himself in trouble at school as he didn't like the routine or following rules. He was once beaten by his teacher for putting a mouse in a jar of gobstoppers. Roald Dahl never forgot the gobstoppers and they are found in Charlie 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

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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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   He put a mouse into a jar of gobstoppers as a prank.

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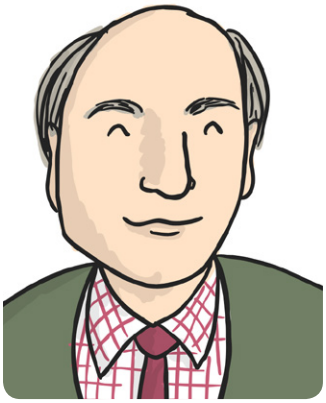
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Did you know?

Roald Dahl was writing a third story which included Charlie Bucket after Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator, called Charlie Bucket and the White House, but he died before the book could be completed.

Roald initially attended his local school but was often in trouble. He disliked being told what to do and often received a beating with the cane for pranks and bad behaviour. Once he had used up all his chances, he was sent away to boarding school, the Repton School in Derbyshire. His teachers didn't believe that he had any potential when it came to writing when he was at school, but Roald Dahl excelled at sport. He was a very good

Did you know?

Roald Dahl wrote every day from 10am to 12 noon and then from 4pm to 6pm.



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footballer and he enjoyed playing squash. He never wanted an academic future, going against his mother's wishes by not attending university and choosing instead to travel and begin work.

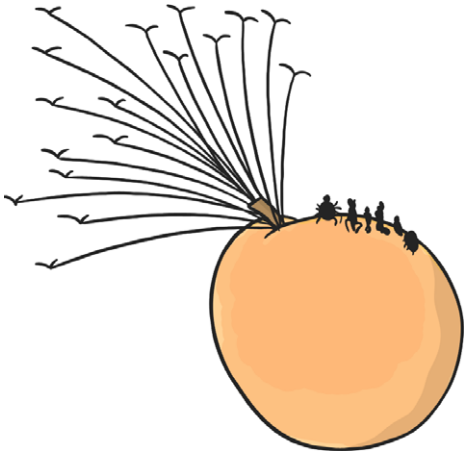
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It was never clear that Roald Dahl would become a writer, especially a writer of children's stories. He learned his trade writing for newspapers and magazines in America such as the New Yorker. As his writing developed, editors and other writers guided him towards writing children's books. They thought his style and imagination was perfect for that style.



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   No. He did not follow the rules./He played pranks on people./He was often beaten.

3. When he was shot down, what parts of his body were badly injured?
   Roald Dahl badly injured his hips and his spine.

4. Why did he stop writing for newspapers and magazines?
   People he worked with, liek editors, told him he should try writing like children's books.

5. In what book does Charlie Bucket appear?
   Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Charlie and the Great Glass Elevator.

6. Was it likely that Roald Dahl would become a writer?
   No because he didn't like school and went travelling. / He didn't go to university. / He was good at sport but not writing. / He was a fighter pilot.

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