

Unit 8 The magic of Roald Dahl

Name _____

Class _____

Date _____

Start thinking

1 Answer the questions.

- 1 Do you like reading? Why / why not?

- 2 What kind of books do you like reading? Why?

- 3 What is your favourite book? Why?

Comprehension check

2 Watch the video. Choose the correct answers.

- 1 Roald Dahl was born in ...
a Wales. b Scotland. c England.
- 2 He and his wife Patricia had ... children.
a four b five c six
- 3 He died in ...
a 1970. b 1980. c 1990.

3 Watch the video again. Correct the factual errors in the sentences.

- 1 Roald Dahl's parents were from Sweden.

- 2 He was very happy at boarding school.

- 3 A company sent toys to his school for students to test.

- 4 After school, he started working for a chocolate company.

- 5 During the war, his plane crashed in the jungle.

- 6 He got married in 1942.

- 7 He lived with his family in a large town called Great Missenden.

- 8 He always believed in the facts of storytelling.

4 Complete the summary. Write a word or a number in each gap.

Roald Dahl was born on 13 September ¹_____. When he was ²_____ years old, he went to boarding school. At school, he was good at ³_____. After he left school, Roald Dahl went to live in ⁴_____. During the Second World War, he became a ⁵_____. He met his wife Patricia Neale when he was in the USA. They got married and they moved to ⁶_____. He started writing stories for children in the ⁷_____. Roald Dahl was ⁸_____ when he died.

5 Work in pairs. Answer the questions.

- 1 Which Roald Dahl stories do you know?
- 2 Do you want to go to boarding school? Why / why not?
- 3 What do you want to do after you leave school? Why?

Vocabulary

6 Match the words 1–8 with the definitions a–h.

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| 1 accident | a a small, simple building, usually with one room |
| 2 adventure | b a description of something that happened |
| 3 army | c a person or thing that gives you good ideas |
| 4 boarding school | d something bad that happens by chance |
| 5 hut | e a large group of soldiers |
| 6 inspiration | f something exciting that happens to you |
| 7 replica | g a school where the students live and study |
| 8 report | h an exact copy of something |

7 Complete the sentences with the adjectives below.

■ cheerful ■ dramatic ■ homesick ■ lonely ■ magical ■ naughty ■ successful

- 1 Roald Dahl sold millions of books. He was a very writer.
- 2 He didn't have many friends when he was at school. He was very
- 3 Sometimes he behaved badly at school. He was
- 4 He missed his family while he was away at school. He was
- 5 His letters were always very happy. They were
- 6 He had an exciting adventure when he was a pilot. It was very
- 7 He wrote some strange and wonderful stories. Children like them because they are

Extension

Work in small groups. Make a poster about a famous English-language writer. Present it to the class.

- 1 Make a list of the English-language writers you know.
- 2 Research one writer each. When you have finished, ask your group questions about each person.
- 3 Choose one of the writers in your group. Make a poster about the writer's life and books.
- 4 Present your poster to the class. Use the expressions in the box to help you.

Useful expressions: Talking about a writer

... was born in ... (place / time)
His / Her parents were ... (job / nationality)
At school, he / she was good / bad at ...
He / She started writing when ...
He / She married ... in ...
His / Her first story was called ... It was about ...
He / She died in ...