

Make-up Unit 8

Reading

The world of Roald Dahl

1 Is there a child who doesn't know the stories of Roald Dahl? His work **delights** millions of us in our **childhood**. He **wrote** his first children's stories, *James and the Giant Peach* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in the 1960s, but the characters are just as **popular** today as they were in the past. As well as reading the books, children today often **discover** Dahl's characters through **plays** and **films**.



2 Millions of people love Dahl's work years after he wrote the stories. Why? Perhaps it's because the characters make us laugh and they can make us **scared**. Dahl **knew** what children liked, but how? He **began** to write books for children after his own children were born. He couldn't do it before then, he said.

3 Dahl sometimes used people and events from his childhood in his stories. He went to **boarding school**, which he hated. Some of the teachers were **unkind**. The **cruel** teacher in *Matilda* – Mrs Trunchball – was like some of Dahl's teachers. But Dahl had good memories, too. Sometimes, Cadbury – a British chocolate maker – sent a small box to every boy at Dahl's school. Inside the box were new chocolate bars! The boys **ate** them and **sent** **comments** to Cadbury. A dream job! Can you guess which story this **memory** **found** its way into?



1 Read the text and decide if these sentences are true (T) or false (F).

A Dahl wrote his first novels before 1970.

B Matilda and The Witches are plays, not films.

C Dahls' novels are quite serious.

D Dahl didn't start writing children's stories before he had his own children.

E Dahl had a teacher called Mrs Trunchball.

F Dahl tested chocolate bars when he was a boy.

Mark: ___/20

Vocabulary

1 Use a suffix to make these nouns into adjectives. Then complete the sentences.

wonder music power politics peace nature profession success

- 1 Tiger Woods is one of the most _____ golfers of all time. He has won lots of competitions.
- 2 I am taking part in a _____ protest. I don't agree with the government.
- 3 My doctor gave me painkillers, but I prefer _____ medicines, such as herbs.
- 4 David Beckham became a _____ football player when he was seventeen, and started playing for Manchester United.
- 5 The actress Julia Roberts plays two _____ instruments: the clarinet and the oboe.
- 6 Koala bears are very quiet and _____ animals. They sit in trees and eat leaves.
- 7 'I got the job I really wanted!' 'That's _____ news! Congratulations!'
- 8 Elephants are extremely dangerous and _____ animals.

Mark: ___ / 8

2 Complete the sentences with correct collocations using the words below.

place test turns control photos a break part care

- 1 Can you take _____ of Grandma at the weekend? She is feeling ill.
- 2 I'm really tired. Let's take _____.
- 3 Our teacher wants us to take another _____ on Friday!
- 4 We didn't take many _____ on holiday.
- 5 I took _____ in a school play at the end of term. It was great fun!
- 6 Mum said we have to take _____ using the laptop.
- 7 The film takes _____ in Paris in 1942.
- 8 My dad took _____ of the situation and asked everyone to calm down.

Mark: ___ / 8

Grammar

3 Complete the text with the correct answers (a–c).

Sonny and Cher

Sonny and Cher were an American pop duo with great musical talent. They were husband and wife, and they acted, ¹ _____ and entertained together in the 1960s and 1970s. They ² _____ their careers as backing singers. Their first hit songs were in 1965, and they were called *Baby Don't Go* and *I Got You Babe*. They ³ _____ together for ten years, and sold 80 million records worldwide.

Cher first met Sonny, or Salvatore Bono, who was eleven years older than her, in 1962. They ⁴ _____ became friends and fell in love, and ⁵ _____ married two years later. In 1965 they had five songs in the US top twenty music chart.

Sonny and Cher had a baby in 1969, but they got ⁶ _____ in 1975. Sonny went on to become an actor and a ⁷ _____ figure, and he eventually became a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, whilst Cher continued as a solo singer. Sonny ⁸ _____ at the age of sixty-two after a skiing accident. Cher continues to record music today.

- 1 a sung b sang c sing
- 2 a start b started c starting
- 3 a perform b performed c performing
- 4 a quicker b quick c quickly
- 5 a got b had c became
- 6 a divorce b divorced c divorcing
- 7 a politics b politician c political
- 8 a died b dies c die

4 Read the answers to the questions. Write questions using the past simple.

9 _____ ?

I watched a really old film on TV last night.

10 _____ ?

I returned the book on Monday.

11 _____ ?

I bought this bag for thirty pounds.

12 _____ ?

I last saw Mark on Friday.

13 _____ ?

I was seven years old when I took that photo.

14 _____ ?

I left school in 2009.

15 _____ ?

I left work early because I had a headache.

Mark: ___ / 7

5 Complete the sentences with the past simple form of the verbs below.

ride not answer post study ring not pass open

1 I _____ Jack last night but he _____ the phone.

2 When she _____ the window, the room was cooler.

3 Paul _____ the letter before 5 p.m. They should get it tomorrow.

4 I _____ my bike to school this morning.

5 Mark _____ really hard but unfortunately, he _____ the exam.

Mark: ___ / 7

Writing

6 Write a narrative about a happy and successful day in your life. Remember to use past simple and narrative adverbs. Remember, a 'writing' is a TEXT. Don't write 'paragraph 1/2/3...'

Follow the plan:

Paragraph 1: Introduction: what happened?

Paragraph 2: The start of the day.

Paragraph 3: Later in the day.

Paragraph 4: How you feel about the day.

Mark: ___ / 20