



Activity

The following paragraphs are part of the interviews with Roald Dahl some years ago.

A) Look at the words in bold. Find one meaning...

- a) ...thinking you are more important than you really are.
- b) ...laughing in a nervous or silly way.
- c) ...full of busy activity.
- d) ...hurt or physically harmed.
- e) ...a small house often made of wood.

B) Match the pictures with the different paragraphs.



ROALD DAHL- Author of books for children and adults

1

Yes, I did, I worked for the British Secret Intelligence Service (SIS), lost after the war, when I was **injured** and couldn't fly, sure, I did.

2

No, I was fine in this little **hut** I always have. It is absolutely quiet here. I couldn't possibly work in the house especially when there used to be a lot of children around and even without children, there are vacuum cleaners and people **bustling** about.

3

Yes, you do, you see. When you are old enough to do and experience enough to be a competent writer and you are ready to write a book for children because a young person can't do it. By then you've become **pompous** and adult, grown-up and you've lost all your joking (sic). Unless you are a kind of undeveloped and you still have an enormous amount of childishness and you **giggle** at funny stories and jokes and things, I don't think you can do it.

4

If a child picks up a book and likes it, it's not the end of it. It's read at least four or five and sometimes fifteen times.

5

We have a good snooker table and we play three times a week.

6

That's played with my local friends.

7

Sunday is a long session. We start at 6.30, four of us. We finish at about 11. Someone brings in some sausages in the middle.

8

When I die.



Watch the video.

A) Tick the 8 questions the interviewer asked to Roald Dahl.
B) Write the questions in the correct place (numbers 1-8)

COLUMN A

A- Where do you live?

B- How often does a child read a book?

C- How often do you play snooker?

D- Who do you play snooker with?

E- What do you do on Sundays?

F- When will you give up writing?

G- What do you do for a living?

COLUMN B

H- Did you ever write in your house?

I- Does a writer plan a complete story before writing?

J- Do you have to put yourself in the children's minds to write a book for them?

K- Did you work for the British Secret Intelligent Service?

L- Will you write about a whale?