

SHORT STORY: THE WAY UP TO HEAVEN

by Roald Dahl (Taste and Other Tales - Level 5)

BEFORE READING ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY 1: Find the meaning of the word **tale** in a dictionary.

TALE:

ACTIVITY 2: Which of the following words can you group with **tale**?

FICTION

REPORT

IMAGINARY

ACTUAL

STORY

ACTIVITY 3: Read the [introduction](#) and answer the questions.

1. Where was Roald Dahl born? When?

2. What nationality were his parents?

3. What did he do during the Second World War?

4. Where was he living when he started writing?

5. What subject did he write about first?

6. What are Dahl's two most famous children's stories?

7. When did he die? How old was he?

ACTIVITY 4: One of the characters in this story is always very worried about being late. How is your sense of time? When do / don't you worry about being late?

Look up the word *butler*. What are a butler's main duties?