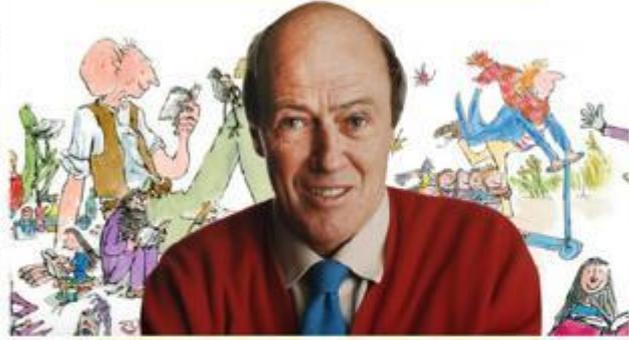Roald Dahl is one of the greatest storytellers the world has ever known. He's sold well over 200 million books, and you might also know stories like Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Fantastic Mr. Fox, The BFG , and Matilda from the film versions. Roald Dahl had a way of telling stories that made them fun and easy to read.

This, according to Roald himself, is because he found it very easy to remember what it was like to be a child. Roald was born in Llandaff, Wales, on 13th September 1916. His parents were both from Norway, but they moved to the UK before he was born. He went to several different boarding schools, living away from his parents for most of the year. Once, to play a trick on the owner of a sweet shop, he put a dead mouse in one of the jars of sweets! As punishment for that, he was caned (hit with a stick) at school. In fact, Roald hated violence and cruel behavior, and in many of his stories, the main characters are treated cruelly by their family, carers, or teachers. However, they always come out on top.

Roald's dream was to go to exciting foreign places, and he got the chance when he got a job with the Shell Company supplying oil in East Africa. When the Second World War broke out, he became a fighter pilot, and he almost died when he crashed his plane in the desert. Although he flew again after that, he soon became too ill to continue. He was sent home and given a new job in the British Embassy in Washington, DC. There, he started writing speeches and war stories, and his first pieces of writing were published.

B. Complete the sentences with the words from the box.

play	tell	get	have	hated	check out

1. Roald Dahl could _____ a story in a fun and interesting way.
2. To _____ a trick on the owner of a sweet shop, he put a dead mouse in one of the jars of sweets!
3. Roald was happy to _____ a job in East Africa.
4. Roald _____ violence and cruel behavior.
5. Why not _____ a go at reading one of his books?
6. _____ the official Roald Dahl website.