

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.

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.

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 ...