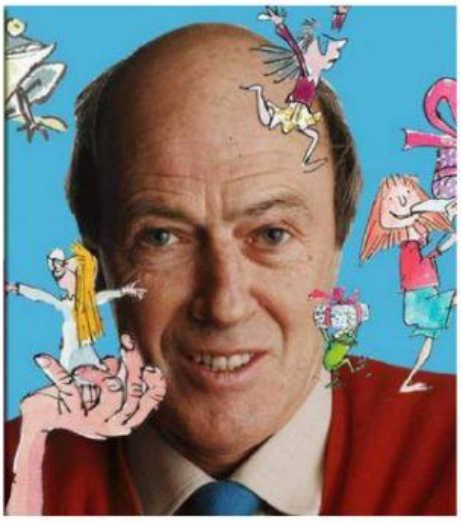
**Read the text and complete it with the Past Simple form of the verbs in brackets.**

Roald Dahl's father moved to England from Norway in the 1900s. His wife died leaving him with two children, a young boy and a daughter. He [1]_____ (MOVE) back to Norway where he married Sofie Magdalene Hesselberg in 1911. The whole family moved to Wales where they [2]_____ (HAVE) five more children.

Roald Dahl [3]_____ (BE) born in Llandaff, South Wales on 13 September in 1916. His father's health [4]_____ (DETERIORATE) when his eldest sister died of pneumonia. His dying wish [5]_____ (BE) to have his children educated in English Schools, which was what his wife [6]_____ (DO). All the children [7]_____ (BE) sent to Elm Tree School. When Roald was seven, he was sent to Llandaff Cathedral School. His childhood there [8]_____ (NOT BE) very happy. He was later sent to Saint Peter's Preparatory School in Weston. He was good at sports but he [9]_____ (NOT LIKE) studying. One of his main hobbies was reading, and some of his favourite novelists [10]_____ (BE) the adventure writers Rudyard Kipling, Captain Marryat, H. Rider Haggard, and G. A. Henty. Their books [11]_____ (EMPHASISE) a kind of heroism that would later influence both Dahl's life and his own writing.

After completing his education at Repton, he first [12]_____ (WORK) for the Shell Oil Company in Nairobi and at the start of the Second World War he [13]_____ (JOIN) the Royal Air Force. He [14]_____ (SERVE) as a fighter pilot in Africa and was injured in an air crash. In 1942 he [15]_____ (GO) to Washington as a military official and [16]_____ (BEGIN) to have success as a writer.

His first collection of short stories, Over to You, were published in the Saturday Evening Post in 1946. In 1953 Dahl [17]_____ (MARRY) Patricia Neal, an American actress and they had five children. Many of his famous children's stories [18]_____ (COME) from stories that he had invented for his own children. *James and the Giant Peach* (1961) and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (1964) were made into very successful films.



In all, Dahl [19]_____ (WRITE) nineteen children's books and two highly successful screenplays for the cinema. His dark sense of humour and the feeling that characters can make anything happen [20]_____ (MAKE) the books extremely popular with children, if not with adults. Roald Dahl [21]_____ (DIE) in 1990.

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