

## LISTENING: ROALD DAHL

**AMANDA:** Welcome to 'Round up'. Today's big story is, well, stories!

**MARK:** Almost everybody has a favourite story. It could be a book, a film or even a song.

What's your favourite story, Amanda?

**AMANDA:** Well, I really like fantasy and I think the best fantasy story is J.R.R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings. It's a very dramatic story, full of brave **1.** ..... terrifying monsters, and spectacular battles. You read it too, didn't you Mark?

**MARK:** Yes ... but I found it a bit **2.** .....

**AMANDA:** Oh really? Why?

**MARK:** I thought the **3.** ..... was too complicated ... and there were too many **4.** ..... I prefer the stories of Roald Dahl.

Roald Dahl was born in Wales in 1916. He went to a boarding **5.** ..... but he didn't like all of his teachers. In fact, one or two of them are the **6.** ..... in his stories! When he left school, he went to Africa. Then World War II started. Dahl joined the air force and became a fighter pilot. There was never a **7.** ..... moment!

After the war, Roald Dahl became a writer. He wrote lots of magical stories like **8.**

....., *Danny the Champion of the World* and *The BFG – The Big, Friendly Giant*. He really believed in the magic of storytelling and created

**9.** ..... full of fantastic characters. He even invented his own **10.** .....! They are less realistic, but they are very **11.** .....! My favourite is *The Twits*. It's about a **12.** ..... old couple. They play nasty tricks on their pets and their neighbours, but the pets and neighbours get their revenge! It's **13.** .....

**AMANDA:** Great choice, I love *The Twits* too!