

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!