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WEEK 6 · A CHAPTER BOOK

a read-aloud with

Matilda

Companion activities for the book by Roald Dahl

Activities to go with *Matilda* by Roald Dahl. Find it at your local library! This free kit is not affiliated with or endorsed by the author, his estate, or the publisher.

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MY FALL LIBRARY CARD

Matilda walked to the library all by herself to find more books. Every time you finish a book this fall, write it on your card and color in a stamp.

PUBLIC LIBRARY · BORROWER'S CARD

READING RECORD

Name _____

NO.	BOOK TITLE	DATE FINISHED	STAMP
1		/ /	☆
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MATILDA'S LIBRARY LIST

Before she turned five, Matilda read all of these grown-up books from the library! Check the ones you've heard of. Then make your own list of books you want to read next.

MATILDA READ

HEARD OF IT

- [ ] **Great Expectations** — Charles Dickens
- [ ] **Oliver Twist** — Charles Dickens
- [ ] **Jane Eyre** — Charlotte Brontë
- [ ] **Pride and Prejudice** — Jane Austen
- [ ] **Kim** — Rudyard Kipling
- [ ] **The Invisible Man** — H. G. Wells
- [ ] **The Old Man and the Sea** — Ernest Hemingway
- [ ] **Animal Farm** — George Orwell

MY TO-READ LIST

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

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CRUNCHEM HALL REPORT CARDS

For once, you're the teacher! Give each character a grade from A to F by coloring the circle. Then write a comment for their parents.

REPORT CARD

MATILDA

Kindness	A	B	C	D	F
Honesty	A	B	C	D	F
Bravery	A	B	C	D	F
Love of reading	A	B	C	D	F

Teacher's comment

REPORT CARD

MISS HONEY

Kindness	A	B	C	D	F
Honesty	A	B	C	D	F
Bravery	A	B	C	D	F
Love of reading	A	B	C	D	F

Teacher's comment

REPORT CARD

MISS TRUNCHBULL

Kindness	A	B	C	D	F
Honesty	A	B	C	D	F
Bravery	A	B	C	D	F
Love of reading	A	B	C	D	F

Teacher's comment

REPORT CARD

MR. WORMWOOD

Kindness	A	B	C	D	F
Honesty	A	B	C	D	F
Bravery	A	B	C	D	F
Love of reading	A	B	C	D	F

Teacher's comment

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THE TRUNCHBULL'S SPELLING TEST

Miss Trunchbull has scrambled six words from the story. Unscramble them before she notices you're not done!

1. T A M I L D A
   Hint: her name
   _____

2. Y E N O H
   Hint: a kind teacher
   _____

3. K O B O
   Hint: Matilda loves these
   _____

4. K A C E
   Hint: Bruce ate a giant one
   _____

5. T W E N
   Hint: it was in the water jug
   _____

6. K E H O C Y
   Hint: a cupboard you do not want to visit
   _____

SPELL IT LIKE NIGEL

In the story, Miss Honey's class learns a silly song to spell a very hard word. Say it out loud, then write the word!

Mrs D, Mrs I, Mrs FFI,
Mrs C, Mrs U, Mrs LTY

The word is _____

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DESIGN MISS HONEY'S COTTAGE

Miss Honey lives in a tiny cottage with hardly any furniture. Draw it the way you'd make it for her: cozy, colorful, and full of books.

CHECK OFF EACH THING YOU ADD

- [ ] a front door
- [ ] a cozy bed
- [ ] a window with curtains
- [ ] a chimney
- [ ] a full bookshelf
- [ ] a flower garden
- [ ] a garden path
- [ ] a teapot and two cups
- [ ] a comfy chair for reading

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MY FAVORITE SCENE

What part of the story made you laugh the hardest? Draw it below. Need an idea? Pick one of these.

- The newt in the water jug
- Bruce and the giant chocolate cake
- The ghost in the chimney
- Mr. Wormwood's super-glued hat
- Tipping the glass
- Matilda at the library
- Miss Honey's tiny cottage

In my picture, _____

_____

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ROALD DAHL: FACT OR FIB?

Some of these are true facts about the author of *Matilda*, and some are fibs. Read each one and check the box. Answers are on the next page. No peeking!

		FACT	FIB
1	Roald Dahl was born in Wales, in the United Kingdom.	☐	☐
2	He wrote *Matilda* in just one weekend.	☐	☐
3	He was a fighter pilot during World War II.	☐	☐
4	He wrote his books in a little hut at the bottom of his garden.	☐	☐
5	He was afraid of chocolate and never ate it.	☐	☐
6	As a schoolboy, he got to taste-test new chocolate bars for a candy company.	☐	☐
7	*Matilda* was the very first book he ever wrote.	☐	☐
8	He liked to write in pencil on yellow paper.	☐	☐
9	He made up lots of silly new words, like "snozzcumber."	☐	☐
10	He had a pet newt named Trunchbull.	☐	☐

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FACT OR FIB: THE ANSWERS

How did you do? Read the answers together and learn a little more about the man who wrote *Matilda*. Color a star for each one you got right.

1 FACT

He was born in Wales in 1916. His parents came from Norway, and he was named after Roald Amundsen, the first explorer to reach the South Pole.

2 FIB

He worked on *Matilda* for a long time. He wasn't happy with his first try, so he wrote the whole story again!

3 FACT

He flew planes for Britain's Royal Air Force during World War II.

4 FACT

He wrote in a little hut in his garden, sitting in an old armchair with a board across his lap.

5 FIB

He loved chocolate! He kept a box of chocolate bars nearby and liked a piece after dinner.

6 FACT

At boarding school, a chocolate company sent the boys new candy bars to test. Years later, he wrote *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

7 FIB

His first children's book was *The Gremlins*, in 1943. *Matilda* came out in 1988 and was one of his last books.

8 FACT

He used sharp pencils and yellow paper, and he kept the pencils lined up, ready to go.

9 FACT

He made up hundreds of words. "Snozzcumber" is a gross vegetable in *The BFG*.

10 FIB

We made this one up! The newt in the story is the one Lavender sneaks into the Trunchbull's water jug.

I got _____ out of 10 right! If I could ask Roald Dahl one question, I'd ask _____

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BOOKWORM JOKES

Read each joke to someone in your family. Can they guess the punchline? Flip the page to find out!

1

Why did the student eat his homework?

The teacher said it was a piece of cake!

2

Where do books sleep?

Under their covers!

3

Why was the math book sad?

It had too many problems.

4

What is a librarian's favorite vegetable?

Quiet peas!

5

Why did the book join the police?

It wanted to go undercover.

WRITE YOUR OWN BOOK JOKE

_____

_____

_____

ANSWER KEY FOR GROWN-UPS

Spelling test: Matilda · Honey · book · cake · newt · Chokey · difficulty.