

Learning with Roald Dahl

FUN FACTS

Roald Dahl was fascinated by facts – and he loved collecting them. Here are three amazing true facts that you may not know.

1. Saffron is the world's most expensive food when sold by weight. It's made from the stigmas of pink crocus.
2. Some of the greatest chocolate bars in the world were invented between 1930 and 1937. Aero, Crunchie, Maltesers, Mars bars and Smarties all date back to this time.
3. Composer Ludwig van Beethoven created some of his best work when he was deaf. Beethoven was Roald Dahl's favourite composer.

Decide whether these statements are **FACT** or **FICTION**

	TRUE	FALSE
A. <i>Matilda</i> was originally going to be a story about a boy called Jimmy.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Roald Dahl received more fanmail from his readers in the US than anywhere else.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
C. Roald Dahl once wrote his own revolting recipe to make his hair grow.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
D. Easter was Roald Dahl's least favourite time of year.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
E. In an earlier version of <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> (never published) there were ten horrible children.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
F. Roald Dahl kept a huge jar of wine gums by his bed in case he got peckish in the night.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

ANSWERS: B False B False B False – he received sackloads of overseas fanmail from readers in Australia C True D False – he loved Easter and Easter egg hunts E True – there were only ten children in this draft F True

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