

Learning with Roald Dahl

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'I'm wondering what to read next,' Matilda said. 'I've finished all the children's books.'

'You mean you've looked at all the pictures?'

'Yes, but I've read the books as well.'

Mrs Phelps looked down at Matilda from her great height and Matilda looked back at her.

'I thought some were very poor,' said Matilda, 'but others were lovely. I like 'The Secret Garden' best of all. It was full of mystery. The mystery of the room behind the closed door and the mystery of the garden behind the big wall.'

Mrs Phelps was stunned. 'Exactly how old are you, Matilda?' she asked.

'Four years and three months,' Matilda said.



Only once a year, on his birthday, did Charlie Bucket ever get to taste a bit of chocolate. The whole family saved up their money for that special occasion, and ... when the great day arrived, Charlie was always presented with one small chocolate bar to eat all by himself. And each time he received it, on those marvellous birthday mornings, he would place it carefully in a small wooden box that he owned, and treasure it as though it were a bar of solid gold . . .

Imagine Matilda and Charlie Bucket were to meet. Write a mini-play imagining the type of conversation they might have. What would they talk about? How would they get on?

Remember to include vital details such as why and where it all takes place, and how it ends.

Do you think they'd make good friends? Do you think they'd like to meet up again?

SETTING

Matilda: What's that you're eating? Is it chocolate?

Charlie:

Matilda:

Charlie:

Matilda:

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