



## Roald Dahl

1. What did Roald Dahl like best about boarding school—and what inspired him to write *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*?

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2. How did Roald Dahl's father die?

- He was eaten by a rhinoceros
- He was squished by a giant peach
- He had a lung infection

3. Which country did Roald Dahl spy on during World War II?

- Germany
- United States
- Britain

4. Did you find the answer to question 3 surprising? Why/why not?

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5. What does *scrumdiddlyumptious* mean? What other words does it sound like to you?

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6. Roald Dahl played a trick on a mean shop lady when he was a child, and a lot of his books feature kids playing pranks on loathsome adults. What kind of grandfather do you think he would have been? Why?




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7. Roald Dahl's autobiography is called "Boy". Autobiography is a word that combines three Greek words: *autos* (self), *bios* (life), and *graphe* (write). Do you think an autobiography is fiction or non-fiction?

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8. Why do you think people write autobiographies?

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9. Read the extract from *Boy*. What sort of relationship do you think Roald Dahl had with his mother?

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From that very first Sunday at St Peter's until the day my mother died thirty-two years later, I wrote to her once a week, sometimes more often, whenever I was away from home. I wrote to her every week from St Peter's (I had to), and every week from my next school, Repton, and every week from Dar es Salaam in East Africa, where I went on my first job after leaving school, and then every week during the war from Kenya and Iraq and Egypt when I was flying with the RAF.