



Roald Dahl

1. What was a highlight of Road Dahl's time at boarding school, and how does it connect to his later life as a writer?

2. Which country did Roald Dahl spy on during World War II, and why is that somewhat surprising?

3. What does scumdidlyumptious mean? What real word/s does it sound like to you?

4. What are two of the reasons that Roald Dahl's writing appeals to so many people?



5. 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?



6. Roald Dahl's autobiography is called "Boy". What do you think the root words "auto", "bio" and "graph" mean? Think about other words that use the same roots.

7. Why do you think people write autobiographies?

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

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.
