

## CELEBRATE ROALD DAHL DAY



Every year on September 13th, children all around the world celebrate Roald Dahl Day. It's a special day to remember Roald Dahl, a famous writer of children's books.

But who was Roald Dahl?

Roald Dahl was born on September 13, 1916, in Wales, which is part of the United Kingdom. His parents were from Norway, so he spoke both English and Norwegian. When he was young, Roald loved to read books and listen to stories. He went to school in England and later worked for an oil company. During World War II, he became a pilot and flew planes. After the war, Roald Dahl started writing books for children. His stories are full of exciting adventures and funny characters. Some of his most famous books are *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *The Witches*, *Matilda*, *The BFG* and *James and the Giant Peach*. In his stories, children are brave and smart. They show us that it's good to be different and that even children can make a big difference.

### Fun Facts!

- Did you know that Roald Dahl wrote his books in a small building in his garden called a "shed"? A shed is a small room outside a house where people keep tools or other things. Roald Dahl used his shed as a special place to write his stories.
- Roald Dahl also made up more than 500 new words! One fun word he invented is "scrumdiddlyumptious." It means very tasty. There is even a special book called the *Roald Dahl Dictionary* with many of the words he created.

You can celebrate Roald Dahl Day by reading one of his books or watching a movie based on his stories. Remember: Roald Dahl's stories teach us to be brave, kind and to use our imagination!

# EXERCISES

## The Witches

This story is about a young boy named Luke and his grandmother. They learn about witches. Witches look like normal women but are very dangerous. They hate children and want to get rid of them. Luke's grandmother tells him how they look:

- They wear wigs because they are bald.
- They have square feet and no toes.
- They always wear gloves, even in the summer.
- They have big nostrils (nostrils are the holes in your nose).
- Their saliva is blue.
- Their eyes are different: their pupils change color!

1. Now draw a witch based on the information you have!



2. Watch this part of the movie *The Witches* (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jTHFCMulrzQ>): how did Luke know that the woman was a witch?

## Matilda

Matilda is about a very smart girl who loves to read books (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1UigDLytK5A>). Her teacher, Miss Honey, is very nice. But the headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, is very mean. She does not like children and is always angry.

**3. Pick a book for Matilda. Write one or two sentences about why you think she will like it.**

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