

Sample Pages from
Objective Tests
with Answer Keys

for

Matilda

By Roald Dahl



A Teaching Pack

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The Reader of Books
Pages 7-21

Write either **Yes** or **No** in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. Were Matilda's parents interested in her?
- _____ 2. Was Matilda an only child?
- _____ 3. Did Matilda's parents realize she was brilliant?
- _____ 4. Did Matilda's parents call her a chatterbox when she began talking at the age of one and a half?
- _____ 5. Did Matilda's mother teach her to read when she was three?
- _____ 6. Were there a lot of books in Matilda's house?
- _____ 7. Did Matilda's Father encourage her to read?
- _____ 8. Was Mrs. Wormwood away from home every weekday afternoon playing bingo?
- _____ 9. Was Matilda only four when she walked herself to the public library?



- _____ 10. Did Matilda read every children's book in the library?
- _____ 11. Was Mrs. Phelps, the librarian, fascinated with Matilda?
- _____ 12. Did Mrs. Phelps choose **Great Expectations** by Charles Dickens as the first grown-up book for Matilda to read?

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Mr. Wormwood, the Great Car Dealer Pages 22-29

Write the **letter** of the correct answer in the blank before each question.

- _____ 1. Matilda's parents owned (A) a run down house, (B) quite a nice house, (C) a large estate in the country.
- _____ 2. Matilda's father sold (A) second hand cars, (B) Bibles, (C) furniture.
- _____ 3. Matilda's father called her (A) sweet and smart, (B) ignorant and stupid, (C) loud and boastful.
- _____ 4. To keep the transmissions in his cars from rattling, Mr. Wormwood (A) made proper repairs, (B) mixed sawdust with the oil in the gear-box, (C) added oil.
- _____ 5. Matilda thought what her father was doing was (A) dishonest, (B) a smart business practice, (C) better than the average salesman's behavior.
- _____ 6. Mr. Wormwood like to wear (A) gray suits, (B) jackets with brightly colored checks, (C) jeans and cotton shirts.
- _____ 7. Matilda's brother seemed to have inherited his father's love of (A) cars, (B) salesmanship, (C) crookery.
- _____ 8. Mr. Wormwood found a way to turn mileage back on his cars by using (A) a high-speed electric drill, (B) a tread mill, (C) a clock.
- _____ 9. How often did Mr. Wormwood cut mileage? (A) only if it registered over one hundred thousand, (B) about every twenty cars, (C) on every single car.
- _____ 10. Matilda commented that her father (A) must be making a lot of money, (B) was smarter than other fathers, (C) was cheating people who trusted him.
- _____ 11. Matilda's family sat together and ate (A) canned soup, (B) TV dinners, (C) pizza.
- _____ 12. Matilda's mother (A) told her to keep her nasty mouth shut, (B) defended her against her father, (C) sent her to her room for criticizing her father.
- _____ 13. Matilda's family ate supper (A) at the kitchen table, (B) in their large dining room, (C) in front of the TV.
- _____ 14. Mrs. Wormwood was (A) a large woman, (B) interested in what Matilda was saying, (C) a car dealer like her husband.
- _____ 15. As the family ate, Mrs. Wormwood was (A) watching an American soap opera on the television, (B) reading a newspaper, (C) working a crossword puzzle.
- _____ 16. Matilda's father would not let her leave the room because (A) he didn't want her reading a book, (B) supper was a family gathering, (C) she was being punished.
- _____ 17. Matilda's father didn't see anything wrong with the fact that the family was always (A) arguing, (B) eating, (C) watching TV and eating off their knees.
- _____ 18. Matilda had a view of life that her parents had never seen because she (A) was so intelligent, (B) had done so much reading, (C) didn't watch television.
- _____ 19. Even though she was only five, Matilda decided that every time her father or mother was beastly to her, she would (A) run away, (B) get them back, (C) go to the library to see Mrs. Phelps.
- _____ 20. Who was first on Matilda's list? (A) her father, (B) her mother, (C) her brother.

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The Hat and the Superglue Pages 30-37

Write either **True** or **False** in the blank before each statement.

- _____ 1. Matilda had to use a walking stick to remove her father's hat from its peg.
- _____ 2. Matilda's father didn't like to wear a hat, but it was too cold to go outside without one.
- _____ 3. Matilda lined the inside rim of her father's hat with Superglue and returned it to its peg.
- _____ 4. Mr. Wormwood knew something was wrong with his hat as soon as he put it on his head.
- _____ 5. Mr. Wormwood didn't remove his hat for fear of being scalped.
- _____ 6. At work, Mr. Wormwood behaved as though he meant to wear his hat all day.
- _____ 7. Matilda asked her father if his head had swollen.
- _____ 8. Mr. Wormwood yelled when his wife tried to yank his hat off.
- _____ 9. Mrs. Wormwood thought her husband must have been playing around with Superglue and accidentally got it in his hat.
- _____ 10. Matilda's father did not suspect that his daughter had anything to do with the Superglue in his hat.
- _____ 11. Mr. Wormwood was grateful to his wife for trying to figure out how the Superglue problem had occurred.
- _____ 12. Matilda told her parents about a boy down the road who got Superglue on his finger and then stuck it inside his nose.
- _____ 13. Mr. Wormwood had to wear his hat all through supper in front of the television.
- _____ 14. Mr. Wormwood took a shower with his hat on.
- _____ 15. Mrs. Wormwood thought her husband looked stupid wearing purple-striped pajamas and a pork-pie hat.
- _____ 16. It was impossible for Mr. Wormwood to lie comfortably on his pillow with the hat on.
- _____ 17. When Mrs. Wormwood cut the hat off her husband, a bald, white ring was left around his head.
- _____ 18. Mr. Wormwood had to scrub and scrub with strong soap to remove the small patches of brown leathery stuff that stuck to his bare skin.
- _____ 19. Matilda didn't say anything to her father about the way he looked.
- _____ 20. Matilda was sure the experience with the hat had taught her father a permanent lesson.

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WHOLE BOOK TEST

Matilda	Great Expectations	Superglue	Lavender
Michael	television	a parrot	Nigel
Mr. Wormwood	sawdust	hair-dye	a doctor
Mrs. Wormwood	the mileage	Miss Honey	Spain
Mrs. Phelps	Bruce Bogtrotter	Miss Trunchbull	a newt
Hortensia	the Chokey	pigtails	a cigar
the Red House	chalk	Agatha	Jenny
The Red Pony			

From the list above, choose the name, word, or phrase that matches each of the clues below and write it in the blank. **All** answers will be **used at least once**. **Some** answers will be **used more than once**.

- _____ 1. He sold used cars.
- _____ 2. She had once been a famous athlete.
- _____ 3. Matilda put this in her father's hat.
- _____ 4. Miss Honey's father had been one of these.
- _____ 5. She liked to play bingo.
- _____ 6. He was Matilda's brother.
- _____ 7. She wore a brown smock and green breeches.
- _____ 8. Mr. Wormwood preferred this to books.
- _____ 9. This was Miss Trunchbull's first name.
- _____ 10. Mr. Wormwood destroyed the library's copy of this book.
- _____ 11. Matilda used this object to write the message that frightened Miss Trunchbull into a faint.
- _____ 12. This room had walls of cement with bits of broken glass.
- _____ 13. She was the older student who told Matilda and her friend just how horrible Miss Trunchbull really was.
- _____ 14. She taught herself to read by the time she was three.
- _____ 15. She liked to watch American soap operas on TV.
- _____ 16. Miss Trunchbull forced him to eat a whole cake while all the students watched.