

SCARY ROALD DAHL CHARACTERS

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1. Write these storybook characters under the heading you think is best:

witches	fairies	princesses	headmistresses	giants	princes
Good		Bad		Both	

2. Read

Children love stories. They love stories about princes and princesses who fall in love. They love stories about magic fairies. But, they also love stories about baddies. Roald Dahl, a famous English author, created some wonderful, terrifying baddies.

In his book *The Big Friendly Giant*, there was indeed one nice kind giant but the other giants in Giant Country were truly terrible. With names like 'Bloodbottler' and 'Fleshlumpeater' they stole children from their beds every night and ATE them!

In Dahl's stories there was always a baddie who wanted to catch the children. In *The Witches*, there is The Grand High Witch who makes children everywhere tremble with fear. She commands all the witches on earth. And the witches are everywhere. Teachers, neighbours, even grandmas can all be witches. Watch out!

And finally, Roald Dahl wrote 'normal' stories about families and schools but the characters were not normal. In *The Twits*, Mr and Mrs Twit were horrible! They were horrible to all the children but also to other people and even animals. In the book, *Matilda*, the headmistress at Crunchem School, Miss Trunchbull, is really mean and scary. She loves to punish all the children but Matilda is very difficult to scare...

Glossary

baddies = i cattivi

Bloodbottler = imbottigliatore di sangue

Fleshlumpeater = mangiatore di pezzi di carne viva

tremble = tremare

in disguise = travestito

mean = cattiva

3. Write the names of five of Roald Dahl's baddies:

a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

d. _____

e. _____

4. Do you like stories with baddies? Talk to a friend.

A. Do you like stories with baddies?

B. Yes, I do / No, I don't.

5. What's your favourite story? Why?

My favourite story is because ...

Teacher's Notes

1. Students' own answers.

3. Write the names of five of Roald Dahl's baddies.

- a. Bloodbottler
- b. Fleshlumpeater
- c. The Grand High Witch
- d. Mr & Mrs Twit
- e. Miss Trunchbull

5. Sample answer:

I like *The Witches* because it's really scary.