

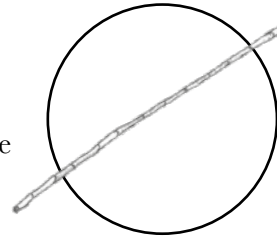
1 In the introduction, Roald Dahl writes, "Some things are funny. Some things are not nice. All of them are true." Look at the pictures. Which of the things do you think will be funny? Which do you think will be "not nice"?



funny  
 not nice



funny  
 not nice



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2 Read the definitions and write the words. Find them in the wordsearch.

- 1 to take air into your body through your nose or mouth .....
- 2 the most important teacher in a school .....
- 3 school children must wear the same trousers or skirt and shirt – this is a .....
- 4 a tricycle has three of these .....
- 5 a small, green animal with big eyes .....
- 6 when you are not happy and not well because something very bad happened .....

B	E	B	R	E	A	T	H	E	U
R	F	E	A	F	O	B	Y	J	F
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3 Match the dates with what happened. Draw a line between them.

1916

1920

1923

1924

1957

a His father and sister died.

b His mother died.

c A doctor cut his adenoids.

d Roald Dahl's life began.

e He started school.

4 Read the sentences. Write the names from the box.



Mrs Pratchett



the doctor



Harald Dahl



Sofie Dahl

Who ...

- 1 always smoked a pipe? .....
- 2 was small and ugly? .....
- 3 hurt his arm badly in an accident? .....
- 4 was a young person in a strange country? .....
- 5 had a shock? .....
- 6 had two children with his first wife? .....
- 7 stayed in the United Kingdom because of the schools? .....
- 8 had black fingers? .....
- 9 took Roald Dahl's sister from him and the family? .....
- 10 started a company that sold fuel and thousands of other things? .....

**5** Complete the table. Write about Roald's three schools.

	First school	Second school	Third school
<b>Roald's age:</b>			
<b>People there:</b>			
<b>Funny and nice things that happened:</b>			
<b>"Not nice" things that happened:</b>			

**6** Complete the sentences. Use the adverb forms of the words in the box.

bad      easy      friend      happy      quick      slow

- 1 Roald put the mouse in the jar .....
- 2 Mrs Pratchett thanked the headmaster ..... after they were punished.
- 3 Roald could breathe more ..... after the doctor took out his adenoids.
- 4 The teachers at St Peter's weren't very .....
- 5 Roald's sister drove ..... through the village.
- 6 After the car accident, Roald's nose was ..... hurt.

- 7 You are Roald Dahl. It's the week before the end of term at Repton School. Write a letter to your mother describing all of the things that happened.

*July, 1930*

*Dear Mama,*

*A lot of strange things happened this term . . .*

*Love from*  
*Boy*

- 8 Do you think *Boy* is a good title? Can you think of a better one?

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