

1 What do you know about Roald Dahl and his book, *Going Solo*? Match the questions to the answers. Then read the “Note about the author” and “A message from Roald Dahl” at the beginning of the book to check your answers. There are two extra answers.

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| 1 When was Roald Dahl born? | a The Second World War |
| 2 What is the name of a famous Roald Dahl book? | b 1916 |
| 3 What was the first book about his life called? | c <i>The Wind in the Willows</i> |
| 4 Where was his first job? | d <i>Charlie and the Chocolate Factory</i> |
| 5 Which war did Roald Dahl fight in? | e The RAF (Royal Air Force) |
| 6 Which part of the army did Roald Dahl join? | f <i>Boy</i> |
| | g East Africa |
| | h The English Civil War |

2 Read the definitions and write the words. Then find them in the wordsearch.

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| 1 You put this into a car or plane to make it work. | |
| 2 To damage or break something completely. | |
| 3 The person, group or country an army is fighting. | |
| 4 You use this to jump from a plane safely. | |
| 5 Something like sugar or sand that is soft and dry, and made of very small pieces. | |
| 6 The place where your arm meets your body. | |
| 7 To use a gun because you want to hurt or kill someone. | |
| 8 A long, thin animal with no legs that can bite. | |

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3 Roald Dahl meets three interesting people on the SS *Mantola*. Complete the table with the information about the people.

Person	Job	Interesting things about them	Are they strange? (10 = very strange; 1 = not strange at all)
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4 Look at the pictures. What does each picture show? Why are the pictures important in Roald Dahl's story? Write notes next to the pictures.

	
	
	

5 You are a film writer. You want a film company to make a film about the story of the lion and Pingo's wife in Chapter Four. Write your ideas for the film company, explaining the story. Use the adverbs in the box to make it as exciting as possible.

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It is Africa. The year is 1939. It is daytime. The film opens with a lady cooking happily in her kitchen ...

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6 Put the events in the correct order (1–8).

- a Roald shot down a bomber.
- b Roald was ordered to stop Germans leaving Dar es Salaam.
- c Roald was unable to see for some time after he crashed his plane.
- d Roald saw his mother for the first time in three years.
- e Roald was given a secret parcel to look after.
- f Roald drove from Egypt to Palestine in an old car.
- g Roald arrived in Tanzania to start work for the Shell Company.
- h Roald's friend, David Coke, was killed.

7 You are Roald Dahl. You have just been told you cannot fly any more. The war is over for you. Write a letter to your mother telling her how you feel and what you will miss about flying.

8 Look online at old posters for ocean liners in the early twentieth century. Design a similar poster for the SS *Mantola*. Include the following information:

- start point of the journey
- end point of the journey
- places on the journey
- interesting things about the ship