# Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

### Comprehension Questions

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#### Chapters 1 and 2

- 1. Where does Charlie Bucket live?
- 2. Why was life 'uncomfortable' for the Bucket family?
- 3. Why do you think Charlie always ate his birthday chocolate slowly?
- 4. Why do the grandparents' faces 'light up' when they see Charlie?
- 5. How does Roald Dahl introduce his characters?
- 6. Does this opening make you want to read more? Explain why.
- 7. Can you find two good words that describe the chocolate factory?
- 8. Grandpa George describes Prince Pondicherry as 'completely dotty'. What does he mean?
- 9. Do you like the sound of Willy Wonka? Explain your answer.
- 10. Do you think Roald Dahl feels sorry for Charlie? Explain why.
- 11. What type of story do you think this is going to be and why?
- 12. Can you describe the setting of the story?

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- 2. Can you find a quotation to describe how hungry the family felt?
- 3. Why did Charlie 'treasure' his birthday chocolate like a bar of gold?
- 4. How do you think Mr Bucket felt working hard for not enough money?
- 5. Do you think Chapter 1 introduces the characters effectively? Why?
- 6. Does this opening make you want to read more? Explain why.
- 7. What similes does Roald Dahl use to describe the grandparents?
- 8. Grandpa Joe describes Willy Wonka as 'a magician with chocolate'. What does he mean? Does this make you want to read more?
- 9. What do you think this story is going to be about?
- 10. What do we learn about Charlie's character in the opening? Do you think Roald Dahl likes Charlie? Do you like Charlie?
- 11. What features of good story writing have you spotted already?
- 12. Do you think this is an interesting setting for a story? Explain why.

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- 2. Can you find evidence to show Charlie made his grandparents happy?
- 3. Why does Charlie wish he could go inside the chocolate factory?
- 4. Why do you think the grandparents enjoy telling Charlie stories?
- 5. Is this an effective opening? What is particularly good about it?
- 6. How does Roald Dahl use the opening to give us clues about the story?
- 7. The word 'true' is used 6 times in Chapter 2. Why do you think this is?
- 8. Roald Dahl describes lots of tempting inventions in Chapter 2. Which one appeals most to you and why? Which vocabulary do you like?
- 9. Why do you think Roald Dahl introduces Willy Wonka through stories?
- 10. Do you think Charlie will be a good hero? Explain carefully.
- 11. What features of good story writing have you spotted already?
- 12. Describe in your own words the contrast between the two settings: Charlie Bucket's house and Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory.

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