

Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Reading Questions and Answers

p.16/17/24/25 Which words/phrase in this text give us the impression that the main character is a good boy?

- Example answer: In Chapter 2, the author explains that 'he was the only bright thing in their lives', which suggests that, for his grandparents, Charlie was a pleasure to spend time with.

p.21 Why did the author use the words 'we only know one thing about them. They are very small' to describe the workers at Wonka's factory?

- They sound mysterious and unusual.

p.22 Why do you think the newspaper headline was in capital letters and bold text at the end of Chapter 4?

- This was in capital letters to have an impact.

p.25 How does the author make the reader feel about Charlie at the end of Chapter 5 when Grandpa George says that Charlie gets only one chocolate bar a year. There isn't a hope.'

- We feel sorry for Charlie as he is unlikely to find a golden ticket.

p.23 How has the choice of words used by Willy Wonka in his newspaper notice created the feeling of interest and excitement?

- The newspaper notice emphasises that only five lucky children will get a chance to visit his chocolate factory and that they will be shown around personally by Willy Wonka himself. It also tells the reader they will get enough chocolate and sweets to last them all their lives.

p.9 What do phrases such as 'as shrivelled as prunes' and 'as bony as skeletons' tell you about Charlie's grandparents?

- Charlie's grandparents are very old and thin. They might also be hungry.

Deeper Reading

p.24 What words and phrases are used to describe Willy Wonka? Why did the author choose the words 'dotty,' 'brilliant,' and 'magician,' to describe Willy Wonka?

- It gives us a picture in our minds of his character.

