Reading Questions: Prompt Sheet

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl

Reading Questions and Answers

p.70 What makes you think that Willy Wonka was 'an extraordinary little man?' Which words give you that impression?

Example answer: The description given
of how Willy Wonka looks gives you the
impression he is an extraordinary little man.
His clothes are unique, bright and colourful.
He is also described as looking like a 'clever
old squirrel' which is a small animal.

p.71 What actions show that Willy Wonka was excited to show the children round his factory?

• Example answer: At the top of page 71, it describes how he moved and how he spoke to the children, which gave you the impression he was excited.

p.71 How do you feel about Willy Wonka when the children first meet him at The Chocolate Factory? Can you explain why?

 Example answer: I think he seems like a very interesting and fun character. I would like to meet him.

p.72 What do you think Charlie thinks of Willy Wonka? How do you know?

Example answer: He may be in awe of him.
 He spoke nervously when he met Willy Wonka.

p.71-82 What do you imagine Willy Wonka thinks of the other children? How do you know?

• Example answer: At first he was excited to meet them but he finds their behaviour annoying. Examples in conversations between Willy Wonka and the children.

Can you choose one of the characters and say how they felt about going to see the Chocolate Factory? How do you know?

• Example answer: Augustus Gloop was excited and impatient to see the factory and find out about Willy Wonka's secret workers.

What does 'don't you let go of my hand Charlie' said by Grandpa Joe on page 75 tell you how Grandpa Joe was feeling at this time?

• Example answer: Grandpa Joe was feeling apprehensive, anxious or unsure.

Deeper Reading

How does the author portray the other children that are visiting the Chocolate Factory? What words and phrases does the author use to describe them and why do you think the author chose them?

 Example answer: Augustus Gloop is described as impatient and greedy. P.73. 'All in good time dear boy! Be patient!' p.80 'everybody bent down and picked one blade of grasseverybody that is, except Augustus Gloop, who took a big handful.'

