

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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1. Describe in your own words why the Buckets couldn't buy a better house.
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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