

DANNY THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, by Roald Dahl

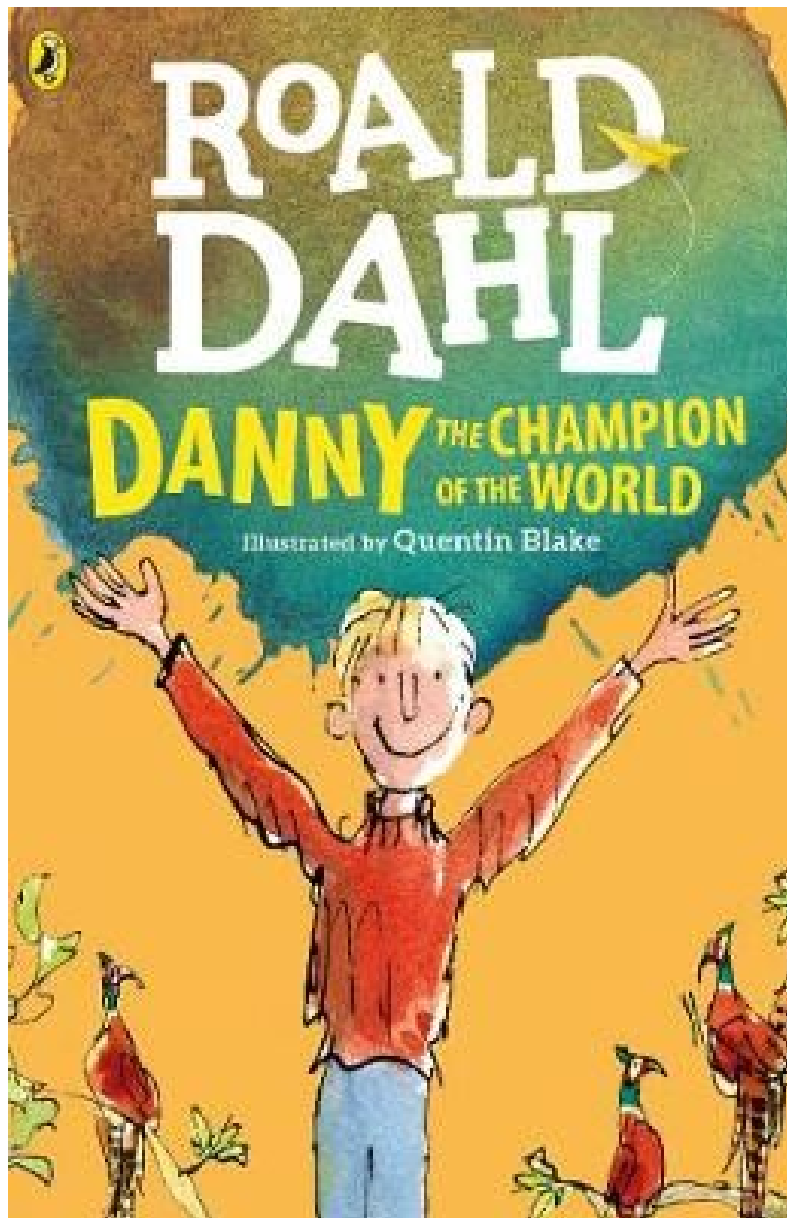
Before reading...

Look at the front cover.

- What do you think the book will be about?
- What things can you see on the front cover?
- What sort of story will it be?
- Who might enjoy it?

Now read the blurb...

- Were any of your predictions correct?



1. The Filling Station & The Big Friendly Giant

Vocabulary

- What does it mean to 'lavish' something upon someone?
- Find an example of onomatopoeia.
- Define 'eerie'.
- What is a 'paraffin lamp'?

Infer

- Why did Danny's dad have so much love to lavish upon Danny?
- How do we know that Danny and his dad are poor?
- Why did Danny love the caravan?
- Does Danny like his dad? How do we know?
- Why would you not call Danny's dad 'an educated man'?

Predict

- Will Danny always live in the caravan?
- What will happen to the relationship between Danny and his dad?
- How will the Big Friendly Giant be relevant?

Explain

- What is the effect of the opening line?
- How does Dahl make the caravan sound cosy?
- How does Dahl emphasise Danny's love for his father?

Retrieve

- How old was Danny when his mum died?
- Where did Danny and his dad live?
- What furniture did they have?
- What does Danny think was 'the most wonderful feeling of all'?
- What is the 'Big Friendly Giant' called for short?
- What is an 'eye-smiler'?
- What does the Big Friendly Giant carry with him?

Summarise

- Summarise Danny's dad in one word.
- Summarise how you feel after reading about Danny's early-childhood?

2. Cars and Kites and Fire-Balloons & My Father's Deep Dark Secret

Vocabulary

- What does 'inevitable' mean?
- What words does Dahl use to describe the sounds of the engines and cars?
- What is 'personification'? Can you find an example?
- What vocabulary and phrases does Dahl use to make the dad's secret sound mysterious?
- What is poaching?

Infer

- Why is it 'inevitable' that Danny should love engines and cars?
- Why must Danny go to school?
- Did Danny enjoy learning to be a mechanic? How do you know?
- Why is 'poaching an art'?
- Why can you not blame Danny's Granddad for poaching?

Predict

- What will the 'deep dark secret' be?
- Will Danny become a mechanic?

Explain

- What is the effect of calling a chapter 'My Father's Deep Dark Secret'?
- Is it safe for a child to play in a workshop?
- What is the effect of the illustrations of Danny?
- How does Dahl build tension?

Retrieve

- What does Danny's dad want him to be when he grows up?
- How did they make the kite?
- What did Danny get for his eighth birthday?
- Who was 'a magnificent poacher'?
- What are we told you can go to prison for?

Summarise

- How does the reader feel when Danny is looking for his dad?
- How would you feel if you were Danny hearing his dad's story?

3. The Secret Methods & Mr Victor Hazell

Vocabulary

- Think of a synonym for 'ravenous'.
- Define 'mania'.
- What is a 'snob'?
- What words does Dahl use to describe Victor Hazell?

Infer

- Why would no bird run if it had its eyes covered up?
- How do we know Mr. Hazell is rich?
- Why does Danny's dad not like Mr. Hazell?
- Why does Danny's dad wait until it is dark to go poaching?
- Why does Danny's dad think it is safer to go poaching now than it was when his father did it?

Predict

- Who will Mr Victor Hazell be?
- What will happen to Danny's dad?

Explain

- How does Dahl use italics in these chapters?
- How does Dahl show Danny's dad's excitement?
- Is poaching ethical?

Retrieve

- What are Danny and his dad eating?
- What is the 'first big secret'?
- What is 'Method Number One'?
- What is Method Number Two'?
- Where does the dad go to do his poaching?
- What was Mr. Hazell's job?

Summarise

- Summarise Mr. Hazell in one word.
- Summarise the poaching methods in one word.

4. The Baby Austin

Vocabulary

- Think of a synonym for 'gigantic'.
- What is 'doom'?
- What is 'petrified'? Think of a synonym.
- Find an example of onomatopoeia.

Infer

- Why does Danny's dad wear a dark blue sweater?
- Why does Danny think it is 'no good trying to work'?
- What is wrong with the clothes Danny is wearing?
- Why did the car 'bounce and bump' all over the place?
- How does Danny work out how long it would take to do six miles an hour?
- Why did Danny not dare to see if the police were coming after him?

Predict

- What has happened to Dad?
- Will Danny find his dad?

Explain

- How does Dahl make the woods sound scary?
- Did Danny do the right thing by going to find his dad?
- How does Dahl create tension at the end of the chapter?

Retrieve

- What time is 'twilight time'?
- What time does Danny wake up?
- How late is Danny's dad?
- Which way did Danny have to drive to get to Hazell wood?
- How long it would take me to do six miles travelling at fifteen miles an hour.
- What would happen if the police caught Danny?

Summarise

- How would you feel if you were Danny?
 - Summarise this chapter in one word.
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HOMEWORK:

Imagine you are **Danny**. Write a **diary entry** from **the day you found out about your dad's secret**.

OR

Do you like Danny's father? Explain why.