

DANNY THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, by Roald Dahl

1. The Pit & Doc Spencer

Vocabulary

- Find an example of a simile.
- What does 'plumb crazy' mean?
- What does 'necessary' mean?
- Think of a synonym for 'marvellous'.

Infer

- Why did Danny try to stay as still as possible and hold his breath?
- Why does Danny's dad need to get out of the hole before the morning?
- Why does Danny's dad have to hop instead of walking?
- How do we know that Dr. Spencer is old?
- How does Dr. Spencer catch trout?
- How do you know that Danny's dad loves Danny?

Predict

- Do you think Danny's dad will come back?
- What will happen at 'The Great Shooting Party'?

Explain

- What is the effect of repeating 'please'?
- Is Danny's dad a responsible parent?
- Why does Dahl repeat 'hop.. hop.. hop..'?

Retrieve

- What did Danny hear the voice calling out first of all?
- How wide and deep was the pit?
- Why did the keepers dig the hole?
- What does Danny use to get his dad out of the hole?
- Who do they decide to call?
- What is Danny's dad called?
- How long had Dr. Spencer been looking after people?

Summarise

- Describe Danny in these chapters in one word.
- How does the reader feel when they read these chapters?

2. The Great Shooting Party & The Sleeping Beauty

Vocabulary

- What does 'whoozy' mean?
- What is a 'triumph'?
- Define 'revolutionize'.

Infer

- What makes the meat pie so good?
- Why did Danny think 'God bless Doctor Spencer'? And 'Mrs Spencer'?
- What was different about Danny's father after the incident?
- Why does Victor make Danny's dad mad?
- Why does Danny's dad want to make the party 'the biggest wash-out in history'?
- Why doesn't Danny's dad want Danny to tell his school friends about the plan?

Predict

- Will Danny's plan work?
- Will Victor find out about the plan?

Explain

- Why is SORRY CLOSED in capitals?
- What is the effect of the ellipses in "Oh . . . well . . . I had . . . er . . ."?
- Is Danny's dad's plan a good idea?

Retrieve

- What time is it at the start of the chapter?
- What time is Danny's dad brought back from the hospital?
- What is Danny given to eat?
- How far away is Danny's school?
- What makes Danny's dad 'hopping mad'?
- What date is the party on?
- How does Danny plan to get rid of the pheasants?
- How many pheasants do they way to get rid of?

Summarise

- How does Danny's dad feel when he sees Victor?

3. Thursday and School

Vocabulary

- Find an example of onomatopoeia.
- What does it mean to do something 'occasionally'?
- What does it mean to get 'steamed up about something'?

Infer

- What makes Danny's dad a 'true countryman'?
- Why does Captain Lancaster call himself captain?
- Why do students not like Captain Lancaster?
- Why is Danny so angry with Captain Lancaster?
- What happens to Danny's dad's appearance that informs us that he is angry?
- Why couldn't Danny's dad sleep?

Predict

- Will Danny's dad do something to Captain Lancaster?
- What will happen on Friday?

Explain

- Which teacher would you most like to teach you? Why?
- What would you do if you were in Danny's dad's position?

Retrieve

- What does Danny say is 'the most marvelous thing'?
- What is the name of the shop where they want to buy raisins?
- What is the nest of a song-thrush lined with?
- What colour are song-thrush's eggs?
- Where is a cricket's ear located?
- When was the school erected? And why?
- Name three of the teachers.

Summarise

- Describe Captain Lancaster in one word.
- Summarise how the reader feels at the end of these chapters in one word.

4. Friday & Into the Wood

Vocabulary

- What does it mean to have 'butterflies in your stomach'?
- What does it mean to be 'in good shape'?
- Define 'motionless'.
- What does it mean to 'hush'?

Infer

- Why did Danny dread this day?
- Why did Danny's grandma go poaching with Danny's dad?
- Why does Danny not feel hungry for baked beans on toast?
- Why did Danny's dad pull the peak of his cap down low over his eyes?
- Why do Danny and his dad have to lie down flat?
- Why was Hazell wood a 'poacher's dream come true'?

Predict

- Will the plan work?
- What will happen at the party?

Explain

- Why is *keep low all the time* in italics?
- Is this a clever plan?

Retrieve

- What time did Danny get woken up?
- How long did it take to prepare one raisin?
- How many raisins had been prepared by midday?
- What shoes does Danny take off? What new ones does he put on?
- As well as pheasants, what other birds are in the wood?

Summarise

- Describe the plan in one word.
 - Summarise how you would feel if you saw one of the keepers.
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HOMEWORK:

Imagine you are **Victor Hazell** and **write an invitation** inviting someone to your '**great shooting party**'.

OR

Explain how **Roald Dahl** makes the story **exciting**.