

DANNY THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD, by Roald Dahl

1. The Keeper & The Champion of the World

Vocabulary

- Think of a synonym for 'scary'.
- What descriptive words make the keeper sound scary? *A tall bony man with a hard eye and a hard cheek and hard dangerous hands.*
- What is 'loitering'?
- Define 'groggy'.

Infer

- Why do poachers love poaching?
- Why does Danny's dad ask the keeper if they are playing '20 questions'?
- Why does the keeper ask Danny's dad if he fell in a hole?
- Why will Danny and his dad need a light later?
- What makes the *Thump* sound?
- What is Danny paranoid about?

Predict

- What will happen with Mr Rabbetts?
- Will Danny and his dad be found out?

Explain

- Why is the chapter called 'Champion of the World'?
- What would you have done if you were Mr Rabbett?
- Why does Dahl italicise '*I*' when he writes 'if *I* were Mr Rabbett..?'

Retrieve

- What does Danny's dad think the hawk saw?
- What type of apple do they eat?
- What is the head keeper called?
- How many pheasants do they collect?
- Who is the taxi driver?
- How many pheasants has Kinch poached?

Summarise

- How would you feel if you were questioned by a keeper?
- Summarise how Danny's dad feels at the end of the chapter in one word.

2. The Taxi & Home

Vocabulary

- Define 'cruising'.
- What does 'scarce' mean?
- What does 'astounded' mean? Think of a synonym.
- What does it mean if someone is a 'rotten shot'?

Infer

- Why must you always walk home from poaching empty handed?
- Why would someone pour sugar into a car tank?
- Why should you 'always choose a respectable woman to deliver your pheasants'?
- How did gypsies cook pheasants?
- Why are they going to need a deep freezer?
- What keeps pheasants nice and juicy when cooking them?

Predict

- Will the pheasants be safe?
- What will they do when they get home?

Explain

- Would you trust the taxi driver? Why?
- Why is '*believe*' in italics?
- How could you compare this story to Robin Hood?

Retrieve

- Who is Enoch Samways?
- Where do they dump the pheasants?
- Who is Mrs Grace Clipstone?
- What date is it?
- What is the finest dish on earth?
- How many pheasants do they have left for themselves?

Summarise

- Describe the taxi driver in one word.
- Describe how Danny and his dad feel when they get home safely.

3. Rockabye Baby & Goodbye Mr Hazell

Vocabulary

- What is a 'champion'?
- Find an example of onomatopoeia.
- What does 'extraordinary' mean?
- What is a 'rapscallion'? Can you think of a synonym?

Infer

- Why do they call Danny the 'champion of the world'?
- Why does Danny's dad speak Mrs Clipstone's name 'proudly'?
- Why is Mrs Clipstone's pram good for carrying pheasants?
- Why did the pheasants not die?
- Why is Victor's face pink?
- Why did Victor not want the pheasants on his car?
- Why was it good that the pheasants flew in the opposite direction from Hazell wood?

Predict

- What will happen in 'Goodbye Mr Hazell'?
- How will the story end?

Explain

- If you were Danny, would you like being called 'champion of the world'? Why?
- What is the effect of capital letters and exclamation marks in these chapters?

Retrieve

- What time does Danny's dad call Dr. Spencer?
- How long does it take Dr. Spencer to get to them?
- What is the safest way to deliver pheasants?
- What is Mrs Clipstone's baby called?
- What is Mr Hazell wearing?
- What did Sergeant Samways do to make the last few birds fly off?

Summarise

- How would Danny feel when he saw the pheasants flying?
- How would you feel if you were Mr Hazell?

4. Doc Spencer's Surprise & My Father

Vocabulary

- What does 'pity' mean?
- What is the difference between a cock and a hen?
- What does 'speechless' mean? Can you think of a synonym?
- What is the difference between strolling and walking?

Infer

- Why does Dr Spencer think Danny will 'go a long way'?
- Why does Mrs Clipstone think her baby will 'never be the same again'?
- Why is Danny surprised that his dad wants to lock the pumps?
- Why can't they order the oven over the phone?
- Why does Danny's dad love Toad-in-the-hole so much?

Predict

- Will Danny be a great inventor?
- What would happen in a sequel to this story?

Explain

- Why is Danny's story a 'fine story'?
- Why do you need to pluck a pheasant?
- Why does Dahl repeat 'and after that'?

Retrieve

- How many cars and lorries had lined up to see the sight?
- What does Mrs Clipstone threaten to put under Dr Spencer's bed?
- What do they find laid out on their workbench?
- What is Toad-in-the-hole?
- What different foods do they think about roasting?
- What type of fish do they fish for?
- What has Danny been trying 'so hard to tell' us?

Summarise

- Summarise the story in three sentences.
 - Describe Danny and his dad's relationship in one word.
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HOMEWORK:

Write a **prequel** to *Danny the Champion of the World*.

OR

What was your **favourite part** of the story and **why**?