

FANTASTIC MR FOX, by Roald Dahl

Lesson 2

1. Chapter 9 and 10

V:

- What word means 'definitely' on Page 34?
- What does 'wearily' mean?
- Define 'plump'.

I:

- How many days have the farmers been waiting?
- Why do you think Mr Fox doesn't tell the children where they are going?
- Why do you think Mr Fox was cautious about sticking his head through the gap?
- Why do you think Mr Fox chooses the plumpest chickens?
- Why aren't the foxes caught in the chicken house?

P:

- At the beginning of Chapter 9, predict Mr Fox's plan.
- Read to the end of Page 39 and predict where they are.
- Predict what everyone else will be doing.

E:

- Explain why you think Dahl doesn't tell us Mr Fox's plan.

R:

- Why does Mr Fox assume his plan won't work?
- Why won't Mrs Fox be much help?
- Where do the foxes dig?

S:

- Summarise the plan in one word.

2. Chapter 11 and 12

V:

- What words show you that Mrs Fox is half asleep?
- What does 'spluttered' mean? Can you act out spluttering?
- Find a word on Page 47 that shows that badger is cross with Mr Fox.

I:

- Why was the fox exploding with joy?
- Why did the foxes laugh every time they thought about the chickens?
- Why are the badgers starving?
- Why does Badger think Mr Fox is teasing?

P:

- Predict where the fox's are digging to next.

E:

- Explain how the new characters are introduced.

R:

- Why does Mrs Fox think she's dreaming?
- What does Mrs Fox set about preparing?
- Who does Mr Fox meet in the tunnel?
- Where does the small badger go?

S:

- Summarise how Mrs Fox feels in one word.

3. Chapter 13 and 14

V:

- Why does Mr Fox use 'painful' to describe his tail scenario?
- What does 'overwhelmed' mean?
- What synonym for food is used on Page 52?

I:

- Why doesn't Mr Fox want to talk about his tail?
- Why are the animals overwhelmed?
- Why doesn't Mr Fox want to take too much?
- Why did they need push carts?

P:

- Predict what room Mr Fox has been looking for.

E:

- Badger is a good man – explain whether you agree.

R:

- Who was a great digger?
- Why does Mr Fox always know where they are?
- Whose farm have they now gone to?
- Why does Bunce get a good price for his ducks?
- Why do they need carrots?
- Why does Mr Fox replace the floorboard?
- Where are they heading next?

S:

- Describe how Mr Fox feels in one word.

4. Chapter 15 and 16

V:

- What does Mr Fox mean by 'saucy'?
- Find a word on Page 63 that means 'big'.
- What does 'poaching' mean?
- What is a souvenir?

I:

- Why can Mr Fox move the brick?
- Why is Rat so angry?
- Why is cider good for badgers?
- Who is the woman getting cider for?

P:

- Read to the end of Chapter 15. Predict what will happen next.

E:

- How does Dahl show tension at the end of Chapter 15?

R:

- Who pops out of the wall?
- What does Mr Fox threaten to do to rat?
- Why doesn't Mr Fox need turkeys?
- What is in the cellar?
- Where do the animals hide?
- What is the woman carrying?

S:

- Describe how these chapters make you feel in one word.

5. Chapter 17 and 18

V:

- Define 'impudent'.
- What word on Page 76 means hungry?

I:

- Why does Mr Fox brick the wall back up?
- Why does Mr Fox sing a song?
- Why couldn't they wait to eat?

P:

- At the end of Chapter 17, predict what will happen to the farmers now the animals have decided to live underground forever.

E:

- Is this a happy ending? Explain your answer.

R:

- Why does badger believe all rats have bad manners?
- How many animals were at the feast?
- What makes everyone laugh at the meal?
- Why do the animals decide to live underground?

S:

- Summarise the whole story in three words.

Homework

Write the **first paragraph** of the **prequel** to *Fantastic Mr Fox*.

OR

Write a **short paragraph** about your **favourite part of the book**.