





Book Lessons

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# Matilda

Chapters 1-6

**I. Read the sample sentences. Then fill in the blanks with the correct answers from the bottom box.**

1. Some parents blinded by **adoration** believe their child has qualities of genius.

**Adoration** is \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Mrs. Phelps **instinctively** walked past the shelf for young teenagers' romance books.

"**Instinctively**" means "in a way that is \_\_\_\_\_."

3. She also knew that he liked to boast, and she would **egg him on** without shame.

You **egg someone on** if you \_\_\_\_\_.

4. She decided that every time her parents were **beastly** to her, she would get revenge in some way.

People or things are **beastly** if they are \_\_\_\_\_.

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**B.** unkind or unpleasant

**F.** make them understand that they did something wrong

**C.** great love and respect

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5. The experience had **chastened** Mr. Wormwood, who seemed for a while to have stopped boasting and bullying.

To **chasten** someone is to \_\_\_\_\_.

6. His wife recognized the signs immediately and **made herself scarce**.

If you **make yourself scarce**, you \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Any five-year-old girl in any family always had to do as she was told, however **asinine** the orders might be.

"**Asinine**" is a formal word that means "\_\_\_\_\_."

8. He always had to make his appearance felt right away by creating a lot of **clatter**.

"**Clatter**" refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

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## II. Match the events in Column A with the correct chapters in Column B.

### COLUMN A

1. Michael and Matilda learned that their father made a lot of money by cheating his customers.
2. Matilda visited the public library by herself for the first time and met Mrs. Phelps, the librarian.
3. In her head, Matilda quickly calculated her father's total profit on the five cars he had sold that day.
4. According to Matilda, the brown bits on Mr. Wormwood's forehead made him look as though he had lice.
5. Matilda's parents and brother had no idea that the voice they heard, came from a parrot hidden inside the chimney.
6. In the bathroom, Matilda poured most of her father's hair tonic down the drain, then filled the tonic bottle with her mother's hair dye.

### COLUMN B

- The Reader of Books
- Mr. Wormwood, the Great Car Dealer
- The Hat and the Superglue
- The Ghost
- Arithmetic
- The Platinum-Blond Man

### III. Choose the correct answer.

1. [Chapter 1] When Matilda was 1.5 years old, she \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. could speak perfectly and knew as many words as most adults did
- B. taught herself to read using newspapers and magazines at home

2. [Chapter 2] Mr. Wormwood made a second-hand car run without rattling by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. turning a cable in the car backwards with an electric drill
- B. mixing a large amount of sawdust with the oil in the gear box

3. [Chapter 3] After Mr. Wormwood got his hat stuck on his head, Mrs. Wormwood advised him to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. stop using Superglue to stick more feathers in his hat
- B. follow the instructions on the labels of dangerous products like Superglue

### III. Choose the correct answer.

4. [Chapter 4] Mr. Wormwood \_\_\_\_\_.  
So, Matilda decided to punish him with the help  
of her friend Fred's parrot.

- A. refused to let Matilda eat her supper in the dining room
- B. tore out the pages of a book that Matilda had borrowed from the library

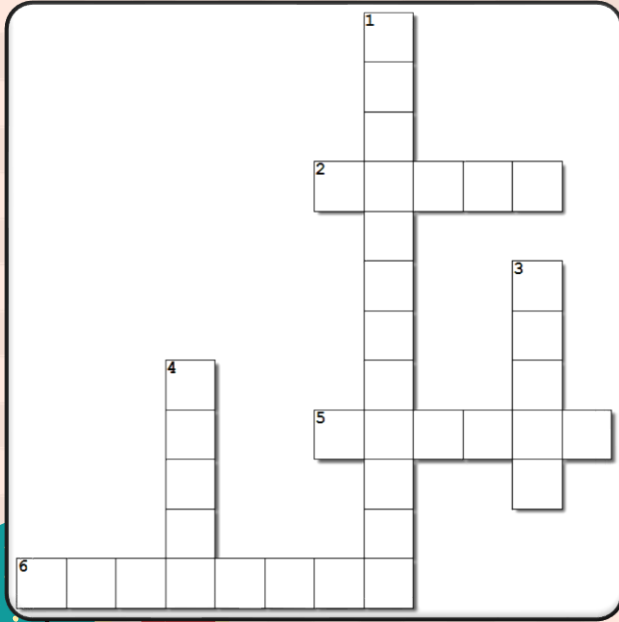
5. [Chapter 5] When Mr. Wormwood finally realized that Matilda had mentioned the correct total profit, he called her \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. a little cheat
- B. an ignorant squirt

6. [Chapter 6] According to Mrs. Wormwood, Mr. Wormwood's dyed hair would all fall out if he didn't \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. wash it right away
- B. go to the hairdresser first

## IV. Complete the crossword puzzle using the missing words from the sentences below.



### ACROSS

- 2. [Chapter 2]** Matilda's family always ate their suppers on their knees while watching the \_\_\_\_\_ in the living room.
- 5. [Chapter 6]** Matilda's mixture of hair tonic and hair dye made Mr. Wormwood's black hair turn dirty \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6. [Chapter 3]** Mrs. Wormwood used \_\_\_\_\_ to remove the hat stuck on her husband's head.

### DOWN

- 1. [Chapter 1]** After Matilda finished all the children's books in the library, Mrs. Phelps recommended that she read the famous grown-up book "Great \_\_\_\_\_."
- 3. [Chapter 5]** Mr. Wormwood believed that Matilda knew his total profit because she had seen it from his bit of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 4. [Chapter 4]** Fred's parrot, Chopper, could say "Hullo, hullo, hullo" and "Rattle my \_\_\_\_\_!"



## V. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

1. [Chapter 1]

Mrs. Phelps told Matilda that she could borrow books from the library and take them home. After that, did Matilda still go to the library every day? Give details from the chapter to support your answer.

2. [Chapter 2]

What did Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood look like?

3. [Chapter 3]

Why did Mr. Wormwood not notice that Matilda applied Superglue on the inside rim of his hat?

**V. Answer the questions below  
in complete sentences.**

**4. [Chapter 4]**

How did Matilda convince Fred to lend his parrot to her for a night?

**5. [Chapter 5]**

According to Mr. Wormwood, why did his son Michael have to know how to add up profits he made at the end of each day?

## VI. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

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### CHAPTER 1

Matilda read many grown-up books by Charles Dickens, Jane Austen, Ernest Hemingway, and other famous authors. How about you? Have you read any grown-up book?

- a. If yes, what was the title of the book? Who wrote it? What was the story about?
- b. If no, what is a grown-up book you want to read? Why do you want to read it?

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### CHAPTER 2

In your opinion, what bad things could happen to customers who buy and drive second-hand cars from Mr. Wormwood's garage? Give at least TWO bad things.

## VI. Answer the questions below in complete sentences.

**03**

**CHAPTERS 2 & 5**

Matilda's family usually had TV dinners or fish and chips for supper in the living room. In your family's case, what is supper usually like?

**04**

**CHAPTERS 3, 4 & 6**

Do you think Matilda was right to punish her parents whenever they were mean to her? Explain your answer.

**05**

Imagine that Matilda had more caring and responsible parents. In what ways would her life be different? Give at least TWO specific ways.