

Comprehension Questions

Read pages 46 (starting at chapter 12)–53 (ending at chapter 13) of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and answer the following questions.

1. What did you learn about Grandpa Joe from the author's descriptions? How did the descriptions make you feel about Grandpa Joe?
 2. How does Charlie get the money to buy the chocolate bar that contains the Golden Ticket?
 - a. He finds a dollar bill in the street.
 - b. Grandpa Joe gives him money.
 - c. He earns money by shoveling snow.
 - d. A friend lends Charlie the money.
 3. What do you learn about Roald Dahl from the children he chose to win the contest? Explain.
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. How does the author describe Grandpa Joe when Charlie shows him the Golden Ticket?
How does this influence the way you feel about Grandpa Joe? |
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5. Grandpa Joe says, "You're pulling our legs, Charlie, aren't you?" Which of the following describes what Grandpa Joe means?
 - a. Charlie is not feeling well.
 - b. Charlie is tugging on their legs.
 - c. Charlie is telling a joke.
 - d. Charlie is being mean.
 6. Why is Grandpa Joe chosen to attend the factory tour with Charlie?

Word Power

Number your paper from 1 to 12. Write your answers next to the matching numbers on your paper.

Skill Questions

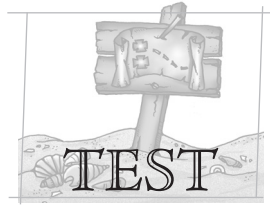
Write each word. Then write the base word and ending of each word. Draw a line through any letters dropped when the ending is added. Write a definition for each word. Draw a sailboat, if necessary.

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| 1. stewed | 2. thrived | 3. abandoning | 4. mashing |
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Building Meaning

tortured	huddled	absurd	astonishing
suspense	interview	desperate	gazing

5. Write a meaningful sentence for the word *gazing*.
6. The team _____ to make sure that they all agreed on the correct answer before announcing it to the game-show host.
7. “It’s absurd that you are going to pay that much money for a pair of sandals,” Reka told her friend Evan. *Absurd* means—
 - a. sudden.
 - b. alarming.
 - c. foolish.
 - d. wise.
8. I don’t want to miss the news tonight because they are going to _____ my favorite movie star about her upcoming role.
9. “You must have been a great athlete,” Marta exclaimed when she saw the astonishing number of trophies on her father’s bookshelf at work. *Astonishing* means—
 - a. longest.
 - b. amazing.
 - c. toughest.
 - d. frightening.
10. Tucker could feel the _____ building in the auditorium as everyone wondered who the mystery guest was.
11. It tortured the fans to watch the football players lose so badly to their rival team. *Tortured* means—
 - a. saddened.
 - b. excited.
 - c. angered.
 - d. bothered.
12. The radio operators made a _____ call to the nearby ship to rescue them because their ship was sinking fast.



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Read pages 98–102 (ending at chapter 22) of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and answer the following questions.

1. Which of the following is a simile?
 - a. “Charlie put the mug to his lips, and as the rich warm creamy chocolate ran down his throat...”
 - b. “It was a mountain of gleaming metal that towered high above the children and their parents.”
 - c. “Old Fickelgruber would give his front teeth to be allowed inside just for three minutes!”
 - d. “He was like a squirrel in the quickness of his movements...”

What does the author mean by this literary technique?

2. Why did the Oompa-Loompas agree to work for Mr. Wonka?
 - a. He offered to pay them in cacao beans, and they love cacao beans.
 - b. They lived in a safe place and had plenty of food.
 - c. Their homeland was destroyed by a powerful earthquake.
 - d. He promised them that they would have plenty of caterpillars.

3. On page 98, the author writes, “You’re blowing up like a balloon!” This is an example of—
 - a. imagery.
 - b. idiom.
 - c. simile.
 - d. metaphor.

What does the author mean by this literary technique?

4. What does Violet turn into as a result of chewing the gum?
 - a. a blueberry
 - b. roast beef
 - c. a baked potato
 - d. tomato soup
5. How does Mr. Wonka solve Violet’s problem?

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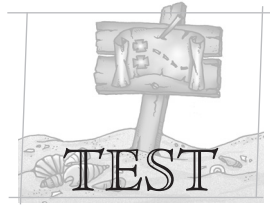
Read each sentence. How does each sentence make you feel? What are the connotations of the underlined words? Draw concept maps if necessary.

- Sunnie took one look at the pizza and ate it.
Sunnie took one look at the pizza and devoured it.
What are the connotations of the word *devoured*?
- The lion took its time before jumping onto its prey.
The lion took its time before pouncing onto its prey.
What are the connotations of the word *pouncing*?
- Clay was serious about finding a good college to attend.
Clay was intent on finding a good college to attend.
What are the connotations of the word *intent*?
- Kelly told the truth because she could not lie to her best friend.
Kelly told the truth because she could not betray her best friend.
What are the connotations of the word *betray*?

Building Meaning

seizing	corridor	hustled	chanted
altered	shrieked	sensation	disgusted

- Write a meaningful sentence for the word *shrieked*.
- Tom was smart for _____ his dog's collar before the dog ran through the open front door.
- To help her keep the rhythm, Monae and Bailey _____ while Lydia jumped rope.
- After halftime, the team _____ onto the field, eager to make a big comeback.
- Tammy didn't like the funny sensation that she got while going up in the elevator. *Sensation* means—
 - sign.
 - noise.
 - feeling.
 - letter.
- Mary was _____ by the smell that came from the sewer.
- The seamstress altered Jenny's dress for her wedding. *Altered* means—
 - destroyed.
 - created.
 - changed.
 - colored.
- Dan's job was to make sure that no one ran down the crowded _____.



Comprehension Questions

Read pages 150 (starting with chapter 30)–155 of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and answer the following questions.

1. Describe how Veruca Salt acts throughout the story. How is she important to understanding the theme of the story?
 2. What did you learn about Roald Dahl from the reading? Support your answer.
 3. Which of the following is important to the plot of the story?
 - a. Mike Teavee is stretched in the gum stretcher.
 - b. Grandpa Joe can't find Charlie in the television.
 - c. Charlie is the only child left on the tour.
 - d. Mr. Wonka sends a chocolate bar to a television.
4. Describe how Charlie acts throughout the story. How is he important to understanding the theme of the story?
5. How does Charlie's situation change from the beginning of the story to the end?
 6. The reason for the Golden Tickets was to—
 - a. teach a lesson in how to make chocolate.
 - b. offer the children jobs in the factory.
 - c. find a child who could take over the factory.
 - d. find out who was selling Mr. Wonka's secrets.

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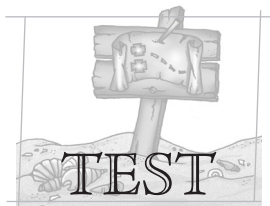
Write each word on your paper. For each word, write the two words that make up the contraction, draw a line through the extra letter(s), and add an apostrophe. Draw a sailboat if needed.

1. that'll
2. it'll
3. aren't
4. doesn't

Building Meaning

soothingly	declared	clasping	tensely
install	arrangements	tempted	hovering

5. Write a meaningful sentence for the word *soothingly*.
6. Afraid of the dentist, the little girl cried while _____ onto her mother.
7. The teacher declared that school was shutting down early due to the approaching snowstorm.
Declared means—
 - a. wrote.
 - b. whispered.
 - c. screamed.
 - d. announced.
8. The team was _____ over their injured teammate, hoping he was okay.
9. Yuri's mother announced that the arrangements for their trip had been made, and they were leaving in a week. *Arrangements* means—
 - a. guides.
 - b. plans.
 - c. bags.
 - d. maps.
10. Sonjay grabbed the seat _____ as he got ready for the roller coaster to zoom down the hill.
11. Fiora was tempted to enter the contest but changed her mind when she realized that it would cost her money. *Tempted* means—
 - a. sold.
 - b. angered.
 - c. lured.
 - d. surprised.
12. We could not wait until the contractor arrived to _____ our new air conditioner because it was so hot in the house.



Comprehension Questions

Read pages 31 and 32 of *Dirty Beasts*, and answer the following questions.

1. How are the lion from “The Lion” and Crocky-Wock from “The Crocodile” similar?
2. Which of the following is an example of onomatopoeia from the poem “The Toad and the Snail”?
 - a. rushing
 - b. crashed
 - c. absurd
 - d. parsley

Explain why Roald Dahl used this example in this poem.

3. In “The Tummy Beast,” what happens **before** the boy’s mom tells him to go to bed?
 - a. The boy’s mom faints.
 - b. The boy’s tummy grumbles and rumbles.
 - c. The boy asks his mom to believe him.
 - d. The boy’s tummy talks to his mom.
4. Why does the boy’s mother faint?
 - a. The boy’s tummy starts talking to her.
 - b. The boy’s tummy gets really big.
 - c. The boy is so skinny because he doesn’t eat.
 - d. The boy continues to eat and eat.

5. Which of the following is an example of onomatopoeia used in “The Tummy Beast”?
 - a. horrid
 - b. snappy
 - c. pound
 - d. guzzle

Explain why Roald Dahl used this example in this poem.

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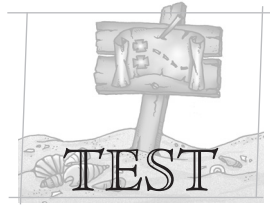
Write an antonym for each of the following words.

1. backward 2. sharp 3. modern 4. bitter

Building Meaning

vile	adores	desired	peculiar
obscure	gracefully	soared	murmured

5. Write a meaningful sentence for the word *vile*.
6. The tiny box was so _____ that I almost missed it during my treasure hunt.
7. Carl desired a puppy of his own, so he worked hard to show his parents that he could take care of one. *Desired* means—
- studied.
 - wanted.
 - disliked.
 - treated.
8. The crowd cheered when the figure skater jumped, turned, and _____ landed on her feet.
9. Lucy adores chocolate and could not wait to visit the chocolate factory. *Adores* means—
- protects.
 - loves.
 - hopes.
 - praises.
10. Martin thought the plant that smelled like rotting meat was the most _____ plant that he had ever heard of.
11. I watched as the plane soared into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds. *Soared* means—
- flew.
 - jumped.
 - fell.
 - sped.
12. Reka's friends _____ for everyone to be quiet so they would not ruin the surprise.



Comprehension Questions

Read pages 68–71 of *Boy: Tales of Childhood*, and answer the following questions. The total score for comprehension questions equals 100 points.

1. Dahl was a creative writer. What information did you learn about him that shows he comes from a creative family?
 2. How can you tell that Dahl's childhood friend Thwaites was quick thinking and clever?
 3. What do you do **first** when toasting someone at dinner in Norway?
 - a. Take a sip of your drink while looking at the person.
 - b. Raise your glass and call on someone saying "Skaal!"
 - c. Lower your glass to the table, breaking their gaze.
 - d. Raise your glasses for a second time while looking at them.
 4. Why did Dahl have to visit the doctor one summer in Oslo?
 - a. His mother wanted the doctor to look at where he was caned.
 - b. His teeth were hurting from eating too much candy.
 - c. His adenoids were making it hard to breathe through his nose.
 - d. His skin was too sunburned after playing outside.
 5. Why do you think the doctor didn't explain what was happening until after he was done removing Dahl's adenoids? Explain your thinking.
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| 6. What does the quote "We started walking. I said walking. No trolley-car or taxi." on page 70 tell you about Dahl's sense of humor? Explain your thinking. |
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Word Power

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Skill Questions

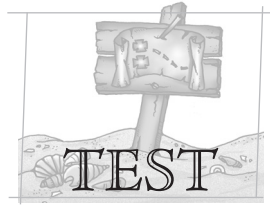
Write each compound word on your paper. Then write the two component words that make up the compound word, and write a definition for the compound word.

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| 1. windshield | 2. earthquake | 3. handpick | 4. worktable |
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Building Meaning

harboured	essential	loathesome	prised
obliged	riveted	eager	unreliable

5. Write a meaningful sentence for the word *prised*.
6. Jaquel _____ feelings of jealousy toward Mikka after she described her family's vacation to the beach.
7. The dog's eyes were riveted on her master as it waited for the command that she could eat the treat in her bowl. *Riveted* means—
 - a. avoiding.
 - b. held firmly.
 - c. wandering away.
 - d. distracted.
8. Belinda was _____ to the man who caught her dog after the dog pulled the leash out of Belinda's hand to chase after a squirrel.
9. "I think this book is an essential read for anyone who is interested in learning more about the history of our state," Mr. Golding said. *Essential* means—
 - a. extra.
 - b. casual.
 - c. alternative.
 - d. necessary.
10. Our mother's car was so _____ that we often had to take a taxi or the bus to go to the grocery store instead.
11. Tommy found the empty lot behind his house loathsome because it was filled with other people's trash and attracted rats. *Loathsome* means—
 - a. disgusting.
 - b. enjoyable.
 - c. pleasant.
 - d. acceptable.
12. Cynthia was _____ to watch the new movie that starred her best friend.



Comprehension Questions

Read pages 127–132 of *Boy: Tales of Childhood*, and answer the following questions. The total score for comprehension questions equals 100 points.

1. What was Dahl's first impression of the Headmaster when he was sent away to school? What does this tell you about Dahl's opinion of the Headmaster?
 2. What was the effect of Dahl pretending to have appendicitis?
 3. Which of the following best describes Dahl's mother?
 - a. Practical and calm, even in emergencies
 - b. Cruel and not understanding of her children
 - c. Easily panicked and upset about things
 - d. Uncaring about her children's injuries
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4. What caused Dahl to put the goat droppings in the manly lover's pipe?
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5. Do you think Dahl was punished for his prank on the manly lover? Why or why not?
 6. Which of the following statements about Dahl is best supported by his prank on the manly lover?
 - a. He had a great imagination.
 - b. He had a gross sense of humor.
 - c. He was a talented writer.
 - d. He did not like greedy people.

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Skill Questions

Read each sentence below. Choose the pair of words that makes the sentence correct.

1. While playing the carnival game, Liam _____ the wrong _____ and didn't get the prize.
 - a. guest, one
 - b. guest, won
 - c. guessed, one
 - d. guessed, won

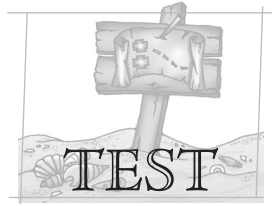
2. Aaron tried _____ times to get his sister to _____ him her skateboard but could never get her to agree.
 - a. ate, loan
 - b. ate, lone
 - c. eight, loan
 - d. eight, lone
3. Jessie was excited to see all the _____ when she traveled through _____.
 - a. sites, main
 - b. sites, Maine
 - c. sights, main
 - d. sights, Maine
4. “This is my _____ to finally become a brave _____,” Lancelot thought to himself.
 - a. chance, knight
 - b. chance, night
 - c. chants, knight
 - d. chants, night

Building Meaning

apprehensive	briskly	devising	foul
sported	precious	comradely	disentangle

5. Write a meaningful sentence for the word *sported*.
6. There was _____ little space in the elevator once all of us and our luggage were packed into it.
7. Jerard was excited about meeting the basketball star until he was next in line; then he was suddenly apprehensive and shaking. *Apprehensive* means—
 - a. peaceful.
 - b. nervous.
 - c. confident.
 - d. untroubled.
8. “We are _____ a way to get to the movie theater without someone to drive us there,” Rita said to Hallie.
9. “Come see what’s happening outside!” Penny said briskly as she ran into the kitchen. *Briskly* means—
 - a. lazily.
 - b. quietly.
 - c. slowly.
 - d. quickly.
10. The politician had a _____ smile on his face as he shook hands and listened to people’s stories while he campaigned for votes.

11. We knew from his scowl that Barry was in a foul mood. *Foul* means—
 - a. peaceful.
 - b. nasty.
 - c. confident.
 - d. happy.
12. “That walk took forever because I had to _____ Lexi’s leash from another dog’s at the park,” Silvio explained.



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Read pages 171 (paragraph 1)–176 of *Boy: Tales of Childhood*, and answer the following questions. The total score for comprehension questions equals 100 points.

1. How was Dahl's Repton uniform different from what a student in Norway might have worn?
 2. What conclusion can you draw about Dahl from the things he enjoyed most about school? Support your thinking.
 3. Why wasn't Dahl caught with the motorbike while at school?
 - a. He drove around the school too quickly.
 - b. He never actually rode it.
 - c. He only drove it away from school.
 - d. He wore a disguise when he rode it.
 4. Why did Dahl turn down his first foreign assignment with the Shell Company?
 5. According to Dahl, how did his mother react to his news about working in East Africa compared to most other mothers?
 - a. She was excited and proud of her son.
 - b. She was jealous that he got to travel.
 - c. She was still angry he didn't go to college.
 - d. She was distressed that he would be gone.
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| 6. What conclusion can you draw from Dahl's statement on page 176: "Above all, I learned how to look after myself in a way that no young person can ever do by staying in civilization." Support your thinking. |
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| 1. rainiest | 2. religiously | 3. roughest | 4. sanely |
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Building Meaning

eccentric	bemused	dreariest	vaguely
massive	conspicuous	supercilious	sombre

5. Write a meaningful sentence for the word *conspicuous*.
6. Lionel could only _____ remember the details of the movie since he wasn't giving it his full attention.
7. Aiko's packed lunches seemed eccentric to her new classmates, but it was because they had never seen typical Japanese boxed lunches. *Eccentric* means—
 - a. ordinary.
 - b. exciting.
 - c. common.
 - d. strange.
8. Paul decided that if he ever became a famous athlete, he would not allow himself to become _____ and too important for his fans.
9. "On the dreariest days, I go outside for a walk to see if I can find something new and exciting in life," Nolan's grandmother explained. *Dreariest* means—
 - a. most thrilling.
 - b. dullest.
 - c. prettiest.
 - d. least scary.
10. The _____ iceberg floated in the sea, a danger to any passing ships.
11. Isaiah's dog was bemused when he could hear Isaiah's voice over the video chat, but could not find Isaiah anywhere nearby. *Bemused* means—.
 - a. confused.
 - b. interested.
 - c. insulted.
 - d. unconcerned.
12. "I _____ telling you a lie about what happened to your flower vase," Darla admitted to her mom.