



WORLD BOOK DAY

Roald Dahl was a famous British author of children's books. He was born **1) on/in** 13 September, 1916, in Wales.

Roald Dahl wasn't always a writer! When he finished school, he worked for an oil **2) company/office** in Africa. Looking **3) into/for** more adventure, he then **4) joined/worked** the Royal Air Force as a pilot.

Roald Dahl wrote many successful books, **5) long/short** stories and plays. He published his first book, *The Gremlins*, in 1943. Many of his books have **6) become/proved** popular films, like *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, *The Big Friendly Giant* and *The Witches*. He **7) wrote/based** his books on bedtime stories he told his own children!

What made him so popular was his incredible **8) creativity/vision** and imagination! Roald Dahl **9) discovered/invented** hundreds of new words and character names, like the Oompa-Loompas and 'scrumdiddlyumptious' from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*!

Roald Dahl died on 23 November, 1990, at the **10) years/age** of 74. He will always be **11) remembered/reminded** as one of the world's greatest storytellers! His books continue to **12) reassure/inspire** people of all ages around the world!

1 Read Roald Dahl's biography and underline the correct words.



2 Read again and answer the questions.

- 1 Where was Roald Dahl born?
- 2 Where did he work when he finished school?
- 3 When did he write his first book?
- 4 What qualities made Roald Dahl popular?
- 5 What are some characters from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*?

• **OVER TO YOU:** Find information about your favourite author. Write a biography. Present it to the class.

