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GRADE 5 ENGLISH
READING COMPREHENSION

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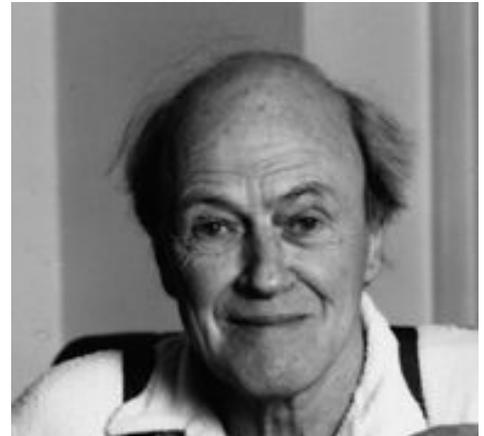
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GRADE 5 ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION 1

ROALD DAHL

(6 marks)

Roald Dahl is a famous English writer and was born in Cardiff, Wales on 13 September, 1916. His parents were from Norway. He went to school in England and then worked in an oil company. In the Second World War, he was an fighter pilot. It was after an air-crash that he began to write. The crash was the subject of his first published story, "Shot Down Over Libya".



His stories are full of huge, wild ideas and he hoped they would help children to learn to love books. He is one of the world’s most popular children’s writers.

He wrote many famous children’s stories and also some books for grown-ups. Many of his books and stories have been made into films and TV shows all over the world.

Among his most popular books are *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *James and the Giant Peach*.

He died on the morning of 23 November 1990 in Oxford, England.

There is a *Roald Dahl Museum* in Great Missenden, England which shows the work of Dahl.

1. Mark True, False or No Information Given

(1 mark each)

		T	F	NIG
a	Roald Dahl was born and died in England.			
b	Roald Dahl’s parents were not from England.			
c	He was a pilot during the First World War.			
d	Roald Dahl wrote for both children and adults.			
e	No Roald Dahl books have ever been made into films.			
f	The <i>Roald Dahl Museum</i> receives about 500 visitors everyday.			

GRADE 5 ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION 2

SECTION 1**(10 marks)****THE FARM OWNERS**

Down in the valley there were three farms. The owners of these farm had done well. They were rich men. They were also nasty men. All three of them were about as nasty and mean as any men you could meet. Their names were Farmer Boggis, Farmer Bunce and Farmer Bean. **(paragraph 1)**

Boggis was a chicken farmer. He kept thousands of chickens. He was also enormously fat. This was because he ate three boiled chickens smothered with dumplings every day for breakfast, lunch and supper. **(paragraph 2)**

Bunce was a duck-and-geese farmer. He kept thousands of ducks and geese. He was a kind of pot-bellied dwarf. He was so short his chin would have been underwater in the shallow end of any swimming pool in the world. His food was doughnuts and goose livers. He mashed the livers into a disgusting paste and then stuffed the paste into the doughnuts. This diet gave him a tummy-ache and a beastly temper. **(paragraph 3)**

Bean was a turkey-and-apple farmer. He kept thousands of turkeys in an orchard full of apple trees. He never ate any food at all. Instead, he drank litres of strong cider which he made from the apples in his orchard. He was as thin as a pencil and the cleverest of them all. **(paragraph 4)**

Boggis and Bunce and Bean
One fat, one short, one lean.
These horrible crooks
So different in looks
Were nonetheless equally mean.



That is what the children round about used to sing when they saw them. **(paragraph 5)**

On a hill above the valley there was a wood. In the wood there was a huge tree. Under the tree there was a hole. In the hole lived Mr Fox and Mrs Fox and their four Small Foxes. **(paragraph 6)**

1. Underline the best answer.

(½ mark each)

- a. The farmers lived (in the valley, on a hill, by a river).
- b. Mr Fox lived (in the valley, on a hill, by a river).
- c. The farmers were (kind, nice, nasty).
- d. The farmers were very (poor, rich, happy).
- e. The chickens Boggis ate were (fried, boiled, raw).
- f. Bean made cider from (apples, turkey, oranges).
- g. Bean ate (a lot of, a little bit of, no) food.
- h. All the three farmers looked (exactly the same, similar, different).

2. Tick who. Boggis, Bunce or Bean? The first one was done for you as an example.

(½ mark each)

	Who ...?	Boggis	Bunce	Bean
a	... was a chicken farmer?	✓		
b	... mashed goose livers?			
c	... had an apple orchard?			
d	... had thousands of ducks and geese?			
e	... was very, very fat?			
f	... ate the same thing for breakfast and lunch?			
g	... was the cleverest of the three farmers?			
h	... drank cider?			
i	... was the shortest of the three farmers?			

3. Write short answers:

(½ mark each)

- a. Where was the hill? _____
- b. Where was the huge tree? _____
- c. Where did Bean keep his turkeys? _____
- d. How many Small Foxes were there? _____

FANTASTIC MR FOX

Every evening as soon as it got dark, Mr Fox would say to Mrs Fox, “Well, my darling, what shall it be this time? A plump chicken from Boggis? A duck or a goose from Bunce? Or a nice turkey from Bean?” And when Mrs Fox had told him what she wanted, Mr Fox would creep down into the valley in the darkness of the night and **help himself.** (paragraph 7)

Boggis and Bunce and Bean knew very well what was going on, and it made them **wild with rage.** They were not men who liked to give anything away. Less still did they like anything to be stolen from them. So every night each of them would take his shotgun and hide in a dark place somewhere on his own farm, hoping to catch the robber. (paragraph 8)

But Mr Fox was too clever for them. He always approached a farm with the wind blowing in his face, and this meant that if any man were lurking in the shadows ahead, the wind would carry the smell of that man to Mr Fox’s nose from far away. So, if Mr Boggis was hiding behind his Chicken House Number One, Mr Fox would smell him out from fifty metres off and quickly change direction, heading for Chicken House Number Four at the other end of the farm. (paragraph 9)

“Dang and blast that lousy beast!” cried Boggis.

“I’d like to rip his guts out! said Bunce.

“He must be killed!” cried Bean.

“But how?” said Boggis. “How on earth can we catch the fox?” (paragraph 10)

Bean picked his nose delicately with a long finger. “I have a plan,” he said.

“You’ve never had a decent plan yet,” said Bunce.

“Shut up and listen,” said Bean. “Tomorrow night we will all hide just outside the hole where the fox lives. We will wait there until he comes out. Then ... *bang! bang-bang-bang.*” (paragraph 11)

“Very clever,” said Bunce. “But first we shall have to find the hole.”

“My dear Bunce, I’ve already found it,” said the crafty Bean. “It’s up in the wood on the hill. It’s under a huge tree...” (paragraph 12)



4. Answer these questions:

(1 mark each)

a. What did Mr Fox ask Mrs Fox every evening?

b. Why did the farmers hide in a dark place every evening?

c. Why did Mr Fox always approach the farm with the wind blowing in his face?

d. Where did Bean suggest they should hide the following night?

5. Find from the text:

(½ mark each)

a. a word from paragraph 7 that means fat

b. a word from paragraph 8 that means thief

6. Mark True, False or No Information Given

(½ mark each)

		T	F	NIG
a	Mr Fox went to get food at night.			
b	Mr Fox got chicken from Boggis for dinner every day.			
c	The farmers did not mind having things taken away from them.			
d	The farmers would wait on their farms for an hour every night.			
e	Boggis had four Chicken Houses.			
f	All the farmers wanted to kill Mr Fox.			
g	Boggis was more clever than Bunce.			
h	Boggis and Bunce agreed with Bean's plan.			

7. Answer these questions by ticking the correct answer.

(1 mark each)

a. What does “help himself”
(paragraph 7) mean?

he helped his wife Mrs Fox.

he took what he wanted.

he ate another dinner.

b. What does “wild with rage”
(paragraph 8) mean?

not angry.

a little bit angry.

very angry.

NOW, ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS ABOUT BOTH SECTIONS

8. Answer these questions

(1 mark each)

a. How do you know that Mr Fox always got something different for dinner?

b. Do you think that this was the first time that Bean came up with an idea to catch Mr Fox? How do you know?

c. Do you think that the farmers’ plan worked? What makes you think so?

END OF THE READING COMPREHENSION TEST