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Who wrote The Good Companions?	J.B. Priestley	17
Who wrote Brighton Rock?	Graham Green	17
Who wrote Animal Farm?	George Orwell	17
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What did Matilda like to drink in her room while she read books?	hot chocolate	21
What did Matilda sometimes drink instead of hot chocolate?	Bovril or Ovaltine	21
Who did Matilda go on olden-day sailing ships through books?	Joseph Conrad	21
What author took Matilda to Africa?	Ernest Hemingway	21
What author took Matilda to india?	Rudyard Kipling	21

In what country did Matilda live?	England	21
What did Matilda's dad do for a living?	sold second-hand cars	22
What did Matilda's dad put in the gear-box of old cars?	sawdust	22
What did Mike expect to do for a living when he grew up?	Join his dad in the family business of selling second hand cars	21
How far could a car get with its gear box full of oil and sawdust before it started to rattle?	100 miles	22
What did Matilda's father like to wear?	jackets with brightly-colored checks and yellow or pale green ties	22
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What mileage did Matilda's dad cut all cars to below before he put them out for sale?	10,000	24
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What was Matilda's dad's name?	Harry	25
What did Matilda's mom like to watch on TV?	American soap operas	25
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What color were Harry Wormwood's pajamas?	purple-striped	34
What was the worst thing about having a hat permanently on Harry Wormwood's head?	It was impossible to lie comfortably on the pillow in bed	36
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What did Napoleon say was the only sensible thing to do when you are attacked?	counter-attack	41
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How old was Fred?	six	41
What color was Fred's parrot?	blue and yellow	42
What was Fred's parrot's name?	Chopper	42
What did Matilda give to Fred in exchange for borrowing his parrot?	All her week's pocket-money	42
Where did Matilda stick the bird cage with Fred in it?	Up her house's chimney	43
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What did Matilda's father grab as a weapon when she thought there were people in the house?	a golf club	46
What did Matilda's mother grab as a weapon when she thought there were people in the house?	a table-lamp	46
What did Matilda grab as a weapon when she pretended there were people in the house?	the knife she had been eating with	46
What did Matilda say was in the Wormwood's dining room?	A ghost	47
What did Harry Wormwood tell his son never to ask for when selling a car?	A big round number. Always go just below it so it sounded like a lot less, but really wasn't.	52
How long did it take Harry Wormwood to figure out the math problem he gave to his son?	less than ten minutes	53
How much profit did Matilda tell her father he made?	four thousand, three hundred, and three pounds and fifty pence	53
What could Matilda's mother not do because she was so exhausted after bingo?	cook dinner	55
What color was Mrs. Wormwood's hair dyed?	platinum blonde	56
How often did Mrs. Wormwood go to the hairdresser's?	twice a year	56

What did Mrs. Wormwood use every month to freshen up her hair color?	Platinum Blonde Hair-Dye Extra Strong	56
What color hair did Matilda's father have?	black	56
What did Matilda's father think good strong hair meant?	Good strong brain underneath	56
What bald author did Matilda say was 'brainy'?	Shakespeare	57
What did Matilda's father rub into his hair every morning?	Oil of Violets Hair Tonic	58
How much of the Oil of Violets Hair Tonic did Matilda pour down the drain?	3/4 of the bottle	58
What did Mr. Wormwood always have for breakfast?	2 fried eggs on fried bread with 3 pork sausages and 3 strips of bacon and some fried tomatoes	59
What face powder did Mr. Wormwood spill onto the floor?	Elizabeth Arden face powder	62
What chemical do they put down the lavatory to disinfect the pan?	peroxide	63
What did Matilda do for the first time when she was 5 1/2 ?	Started school	66
What was the name of Matilda's elementary school?	Crunchem Hall Primary School	66
How many pupils attended Crunchem Hall Primary School?	250	66
Who was the headmistress of Crunchem Hall Primary School?	Miss Trunchbull	66
Who was the teacher of the bottom class at Crunchem Hall?	Miss Jennifer Honey	66
Miss Trunchbull never walked, shewhat?	marched	67
What did Miss Honey's students have to learn by heart by the end of the week?	Their two-times tables	69
What did Miss Honey's students need to have memorized by the end of the year?	all the multiplication tables up to twelve	69
What is 14 x 19?	266	73
What does Matilda say a calculator is?	A lump of metal	74

How old was Mozart when he started composing for the piano?	5	74
Which children in Miss Honey's class could spell the word 'cat'?	Lavender, Nigel, and Matilda	76
Where was an epicure dining in the limerick?	Crewe	77
What did the epicure find in his stew?	a mouse	77
Why did the waiter tell the epicure not to shout or wave the mouse around?	Everyone else will want a mouse too	77
What is an epicure?	A person who is dainty with their eating	78
What kind of poem did Matilda make up about Miss Honey?	a limerick	79
How did Matilda know Miss Honey's first name?	She heard another teacher calling her it.	77
What book did Matilda tell Miss Honey she liked from the public library?	The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe	80
What did Matilda say was C.S. Lewis's and Tokein's failing?	There are no funny bits in his book	80
What does Matilda say is the difference between children and grownups?	children are not so serious and love to laugh	80
Which Charles Dickens book makes Matilda laugh the most?	Mr. Pickwick	80
What had Miss Trunchbull once been?	A famous athlete	82
What did Miss Trunchbull always wear?	a brown cotton smock with a wide silver buckled leather belt around the middle and green twill pants	83
What did Miss Trunchbull always have on her desk?	a jug of water	83
Miss Trunchbull never spoke in a normal voice...she either....(what?) or (what?)	barked or shouted	85
What did Miss Trunchbull think Matilda had put under her desk in the morning?	a stinkbomb	85

Where did Miss Honey think Matilda should be placed?	In the top form with the eleven year olds	88
Who taught the top form with eleven year old students?	Miss Plimsoll	88
What was Miss Trunchbull's rule about children's grade levels?	They all remain in their age groups regardless of ability	88
What did Miss Honey give Matilda to do in her class while she taught the others?	textbooks	90
Miss Honey thought that parents never did what in regard to their own children's abilities?	underestimated them	91
What did Miss Honey want to do with Matilda after school?	Give her private tutoring	92
When did Miss Honey go to visit Matilda's parents?	Between 9 and 10 at night when Matilda would be in bed	92
What was the name on the gate of Matilda's house?	Cosy Nook	92
What did Mr. Wormwood think Miss Honey wanted when he knocked on the door?	To sell raffle tickets	92
Who was about to propose to Angela on the soap opera Mrs. Wormwood was watching?	Willard	94
What did Mr. Wormwood say he read from cover to cover every week?	Autocar and Motor	96
what did Matilda's mom call girls who read and studied a lot?	blue stocking girls	97
What did Mrs. Wormwood call Miss Honey rather than her real name?	Miss Hunky, Miss Hawkes, and Miss Harris	98 and 99
What did Mrs. Wormwood think people learned at university?	bad habits	99
What did Miss Honey tell Mrs. Wormwood a doctor and a lawyer would both be?	college graduates	99
Who was Matilda's best friend at school?	Lavender	101
Why did Matilda and Lavender like one another?	They were both gusy and adventurous	101

Who was the rugged 10 year old with a boil on her nose that told Matilda and Lavender about Miss Trunchbull?	Hortensia	101
Which children did Miss Trunchbull hate the most?	The smallest ones	101
What was the lockup cupboard Miss Trunchbull had in her private quarters?	The Chokey	104
Why did Matilda and Lavender distrust Hortensia at first?	She was bigger than them	104
What was inside the Chokey?	bits of broken glass and sharp nails so you couldn't lean	104
How big was the floor of the Chokey?	10 inches square so you couldn't sit down or squat	104
How many times was Hortensia put into the Chokey during her first term?	six times - twice for a whole day, 4 times for 2 hours each	104
What did Hortensia do to get thrown into the Chokey the first time?	Poured half a tin of golden syrup on the seat of Trunchbull's chair	105
What stories did Hortensia mention with a hippopotamus putting its foot into the mud on the banks of the Limpopo River?	Just So Stories	105
How did Miss Trunchbull know that Hortensia put the syrup in her chair?	Ollie Bogwhistle told on her	106
What did Hortensia do to Ollie Bogwhistle?	Knocked his front teeth out	106
Where did Hortensia go instead of going to the bogs?	To Trunchbull's room	106
What did Hortensia find in a drawer?	Trunchbull's gym knickers (underwear)	106
What did Hortensia put into Trunchbull's underwear?	itching powder called Skin Scorcher	107
What did Hortensia pay for the itching powder?	50 pence a packet	107
What was the itching powder supposedly made of?	powdered teeth of deadly snakes	107

What did Trunchbull catch Julius Rottwinkle eating during scripture lesson?	Liquorice Allsorts	109
What did Trunchbull do to Julius Rottwinkle?	Threw him out the window	109
What sport did Trunchbull do for Brittain in the Olympics?	hammer throw	110
Why did Trunchbull like to throw large boys?	They weighed about the same as an Olympic hammer, so it kept her in shape	110
Why did Trunchbull throw Amanda Thripp?	She hated her pigtails	112
Why didn't parents do anything about how Miss Trunchbull treated their children?	They were afraid of her, and also they didn't believe the crazy things she did	116
What did 11 year old Bruce Bogtrotter do?	stole a slice of Trunchbull's private chocolate cake from her tea tray	120
What did the law forbid Trunchbull to hit the students with?	Her riding crop	123
What kind of mouth did the cook have?	a lemon juice mouth	125
Where did everyone have to gather to witness Bruce Bogtrotter eating the cake?	The Assembly Hall	129
What did Trunchbull do to Bruce Bogtrotter after he finished eating all the cake?	Hit him and broke the china platter on his head	133
What did Trunchbull do for one period each week?	Take over a class	134
When did Trunchbull take over Miss Honey's class?	Every Thursday at 2 o'clock	134
Who was in charge of making sure there was a jug of water and clean glass for Miss Trunchbull on the table when she came to do her lesson?	Lavender	135
What did the Duke of Wellington make plans for?	The Battle of Waterloo	136
Who did The Duke of Wellington fight against?	Napoleon	136
Where was Napoleon from?	France	136

What lived in a pond in the garden at Lavender's house?	newts	136
Why don't people see newts very much?	They are shy and murky creatures	137
How big are newts?	About 6 inches long	137
What is an amphibian?	An animal that can live in or out of water	137
What did Lavender use as a net to catch a newt?	Her hat	137
What did Lavender keep the newt in until she got it to school?	Her pencil box	139
What did Rupert Entwistle say about newts?	If you chopped off a newt's tail, the tail would stay alive and grow into another newt ten times bigger than the first one	137
What was Lavender's favorite lunch at school?	sausages and baked beans	139
What did Miss Trunchbull's water jug look like?	blue-glazed pottery	139
What did Nigel Hick's father do for a living?	doctor	143
What did Nigel Hicks have on the front of his shirt?	A baked bean	143
What did Nigel Hicks have to spell for Miss Trunchbull?	write	146
What hard word did Prudence spell out loud?	difficulty	146
How did Miss Honey teach her students to spell words?	With little songs	146
What did the Trunchbull really hate about Rupert?	His long hair	146
What did Eric Ink tell Miss Trunchbull she must have started out as?	A baby	151
What word did Eric spell wrong?	what	151
Who was the headmaster in the book Nicholas Nickleby?	Mr. Wackford	155
Who wrote Nicholas Nickleby?	Charles Dickens	155
What was the name of the hall where Mr. Wackford was the headmaster?	Dotheboys Hall	155

What happened to the engine in the car Mr. Wormwood sold to Miss Trunchbull?	It fell out on the road	157
Why didn't Miss Trunchbull know what the newt was?	Natural history wasn't her strong point, and she had never seen one before	161
For how long did Miss Trunchbull say she would put Matilda in a reformatory for delinquent girls?	forty years	161
What did Miss Trunchbull think the newt was?	A crocodile	163
Where was Matilda's magical feeling centered when she concentrated?	In her eyes	164
What did Matilda cause the glass with the newt in it to do?	Tip over all over Miss Trunchbull	166
What did Matilda say she felt and was doing when she concentrated and got the magic feeling?	She was flying past the stars on silver wings	175
What is a phenomenon?	An unexplainable thing	179
What does precocious mean?	One that shows amazing intelligence very early	179
What did Miss Honey teach Matilda to identify as they walked to her cottage?	The trees (oak, sycamore, ash, and sweet chestnut)	181
Where did Miss Honey live?	In a farm laborer's red brick cottage	182
Who was the poet that wrote the poem Miss Honey thought of every time she walked up the path to her cottage?	Dylan Thomas	184
What did Matilda think Dylan Thomas's poem was like?	music	185
What stories did Miss Honey's house remind Matilda of?	Grimm's fairy tales and Hans Christian Anderson	185
What is a Primus?	A little camping-stove you fill with parafin and light at the top..then pump it to get pressure for the flame	186
Where did Matilda get water for Miss Honey and her tea?	the well	187

How did every poor person use to wash?	standing up and washing with a cloth and water they heated up	188
What did Miss Honey have to put on their brown bread that made Matilda know she was poor?	margarine instead of butter	189
What was used to paint Miss Honey's walls?	cheap whitewash they used to pain cowsheds and stables	190
When was the only time Miss Honey ate?	During school lunch	190
For how long had Miss Honey been living in the cottage?	two years	195
How old was Miss Honey?	twenty-three	196
What did Miss Honey's father do for a living?	He was a doctor	196
What happened when Miss Honey was two years old?	Her mom died and her father brought in her mean aunt to live with them to help.	196
What was the second tragedy that happened to Miss Honey?	Her father died when she was five and she had to live alone with her aunt.	196
How did it seem Miss Honey's father died?	Killed himself	197
What did Matilda figure out about Miss Honey's father's death?	The aunt killed him and made it look like suicide.	198
All Jennifer Honey's relatives were either dead, or had moved where?	To Australia	198
By the time Jennifer Honey was ten, what had she become?	A slave to her aunt	199
Where did Miss Honey go to school to become a teacher?	Teacher's Training College in Reading	199
How long did Miss Honey have to ride the bus to get to the Teacher's Training College?	40 minutes	199
How old was Miss Honey when she attended the Teacher's Training College?	eighteen	200
When Jennifer Honey got the teaching job, what did her aunt tell her?	She owed her money for feeding her and buying her clothes for years.	200
What did Jennifer Honey's aunt tell her she had to pay her for 10 years?	Her salary, minus one pound a week pocket money	200

Who owned the cottage that Jennifer Honey rented?	A farmer who was milking cows when she first talked to him about renting it	200
How much did the farmer rent the cottage to Miss Honey for?	ten pence a week	202
How much did Miss Honey give the farmer when she first rented the cottage?	40 pence (one month's rent)	202
Why didn't Miss Honey want to quit her job and collect unemployment?	She loved teaching	203
How old was Miss Trunchbull?	fifty	203
Why didn't Jennifer Honey's father's estate go to her when he died?	His will was never found.	204
Who was Jennifer Honey's aunt?	Miss Trunchbull	204
What did Miss Trunchbull do to Jennifer Honey if she didn't think she had washed enough?	Hold her head under water	206
What was Jennifer Honey's father's first name?	Magnus	208
What was Miss Trunchbull's first name?	Agatha	208
What did Miss Trunchbull and Miss Honey's father call her?	Jenny	208
What did Matilda practice on moving around in her room?	one of her dad's cigars	210
Once she got good at pushing the cigar, what did she practice doing?	lifting it	212
Who did Miss Trunchbull command to recite the three tables backwards?	Wilfred	217
What did Miss Honey ask Miss Trunchbull to spell backwards?	wrong'	217
Who was the first person to notice the chalk moving by itself?	Nigel	219
What did Matilda's 'ghost' tell Miss Trunchbull to do?	Give Jenny back her house and her wages. or else he would come and get her like she got him.	223

What did Nigel's dad say to do to people who had fainted?	Throw water on them	223
How many people did it take to move Miss Trunchbull from the classroom to the sick-room	five teachers and the matron	224
Who was the Deputy Head who called to see if Miss Trunchbull was feeling OK?	Mr. Trilby	227
What was the name of the small red-brick Georgian building that Miss Trunchbull lived in (Miss Honey's former home)?	The Red House	227
What did the registered letter Miss Honey received say had been found?	Her father's will, leaving her his house and life savings	228
Who was made new Head Teacher in place of Miss Trunchbull?	Mr. Trilby`	228
What happened to Matilda's power?	It went away once she was moved into a higher class that challenged her	229
How fast does a mouse's heart beat?	650 times a second	229
What does a mouse's heartbeat sound like?	a buzz	229
How fast does a hedgehog's heart beat?	300 times a minute	231
How fast does a horse's heart beat?	40 times a minute	231
How far was it from Matilda's house to Miss Honey's house?	eight minutes walk	231
What car did the Wormwoods take off to the airport in?	A black Mercedes motorcar	231
Why were the Wormwoods moving to Spain?	Mr. Wormwood got in trouble, dealing with crooks, receiving stolen cars	235
What did the Wormwoods do with Matilda?	They gave her to Jennifer Honey to live with her.	238
What did Michael do when the Wormwoods drove away?	Waved to Matilda from the back window	238