



LEVEL 4 / LISTENING COMPREHENSION & WRITING EXERCISE

Listen to the 2min-recording and answer the questions below on the page:

I. PART ONE / FILL IN THE GAPS

Complete the opening part of the transcript with the missing words. Words must be spelled correctly:

Well, some **1** (one word)..... to beloved children's classics are being met with **2** (two words)..... of..... New editions of Roald Dahl's books, now available in **3** (one word)....., show that some passages relating to weight, **4** (two words)....., gender, and race have been altered. These changes have **5** (two words)..... about censorship, freedom of expression, and political **6** (one word)..... For more on this, we are joined by Abby Kuadasan in London. So, Abby, tell us more about these edits.

II. PART TWO / DETAILED COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS DATES, FACTS & FIGURES

Answer the following questions about the opening passage:

1. What do the following dates and figures correspond to :
 - 300:
 - 68:
 - Decades:

MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

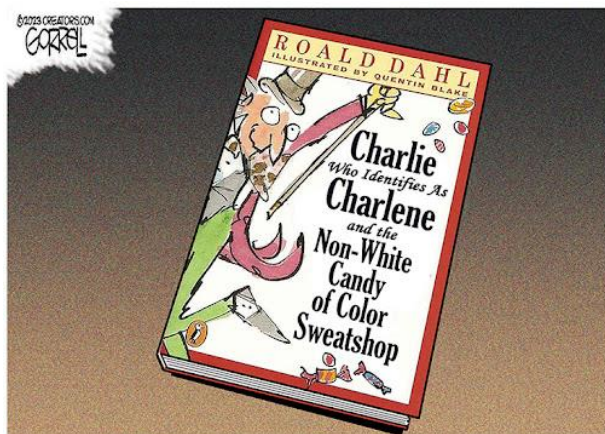
2. Which group collaborated with Puffin Books to make changes to Roald Dahl's works?
a) PEN America b) Inclusive Minds c) The Roald Dahl Story Company d) The Telegraph
3. In « The Witches », what was the original job description that was changed?
a) Doctor to scientist b) Scientist to cashier c) Cashier to scientist d) Cashier to businesswoman
4. In the revised edition of « Matilda », which author was replaced with John Steinbeck?
a) Roald Dahl b) Salman Rushdie c) Rudyard Kipling d) Mark Twain

OPEN QUESTIONS

5. Why did Puffin Books collaborate with Inclusive Minds to revise Roald Dahl's books?
6. How did critics, like Salman Rushdie, react to the changes made to Dahl's books?
7. What is the main argument made by those in favor of revising Roald Dahl's books?

II. PART TWO / RIGHT OR WRONG QUESTIONS

- 1. Right or Wrong ?:** The word "fat" was removed from *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and Augustus Gloop is no longer described as "enormously fat."
- 2. Right or Wrong ?:** The Roald Dahl Story Company only started making changes to Dahl's books after Salman Rushdie's tweet.
- 3. Right or Wrong ?** Salman Rushdie is a famous novelist but he has never won any literary prize ?



NEWS ITEM: PUFFIN BOOKS REWRITES ROALD DAHL CLASSICS TO ELIMINATE WORDS THAT ARE DEEMED OFFENSIVE.