
Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Written by Roald Dahl

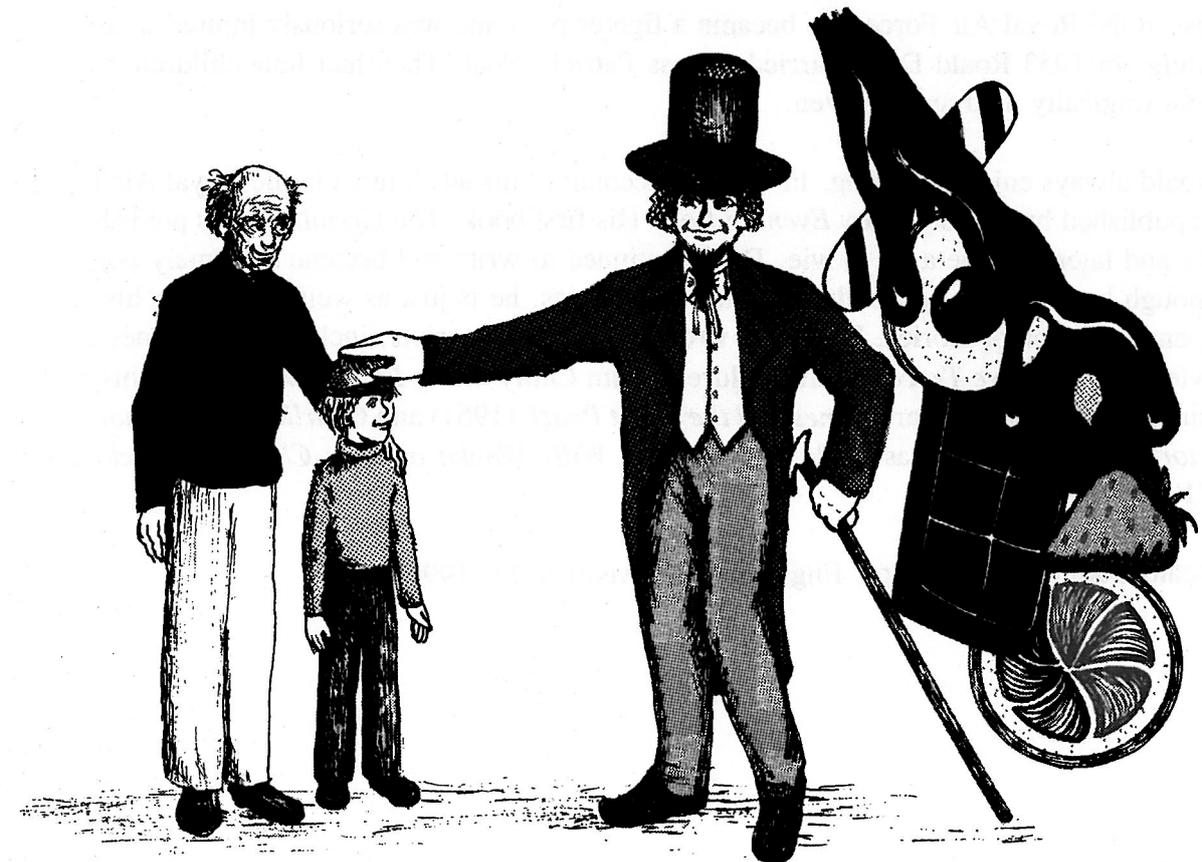
STORY SUMMARY

Charlie Bucket lives with his mother, father and all four grandparents in a tiny two-room house near a large chocolate factory. Charlie likes to hear stories about Mr Wonka's mysterious factory, but more than anything Charlie loves chocolate!

One day Mr Wonka announces that he has hidden Golden Tickets under the wrappers of five chocolate bars. The five children who find the Golden Tickets will win a special tour of the factory and a lifetime supply of chocolate! As soon as the news breaks, children around the world begin to buy lots and lots of chocolate bars, hoping to be one of the lucky five. Charlie, too, hopes to find one; however, he is so poor that he only gets one chocolate bar a year—as his one and only birthday present.

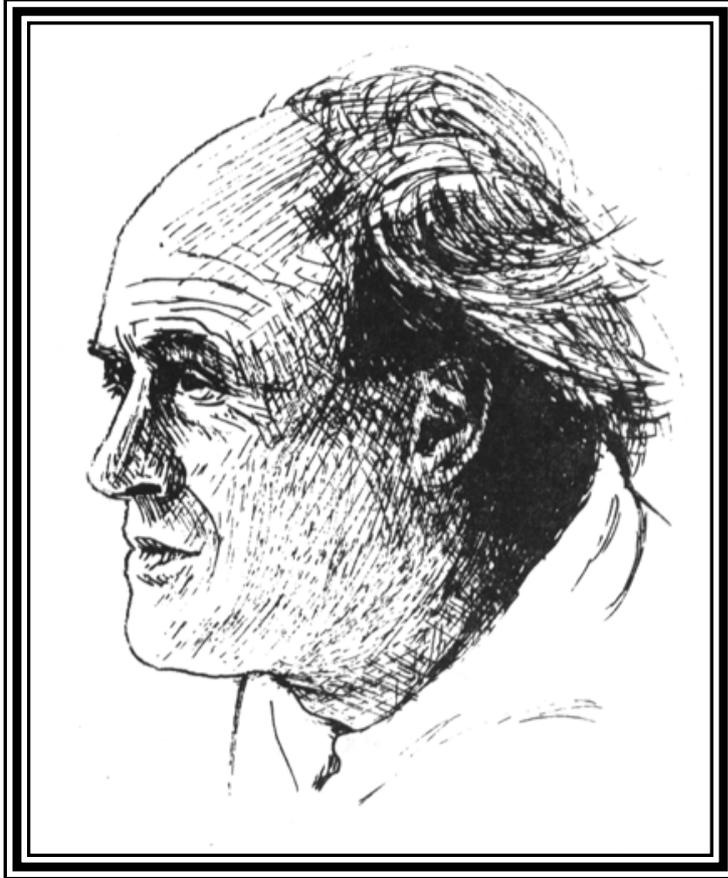
By the time Charlie's birthday arrives, two tickets have already been found. The family watches with great anxiety as he unwraps his precious gift, but there is no Golden Ticket. As luck would have it, however, Charlie finds a dollar and buys two more chocolate bars. Against all odds, he finds the fifth Golden Ticket in one of them.

Charlie and Grandpa Joe accompany Mr Wonka and the other four winners and their parents on a fantastic tour. One by one, misfortune falls upon the other four winners, each bringing on the disaster by their own behaviour. Charlie and Grandpa Joe complete the tour and Mr Wonka surprises them with news that will change all of their lives!



Meet the Author

Roald Dahl



Roald Dahl was born in Llandaff, Wales, on 13 September, 1916. His childhood was marred by tragedy. His father and sister both died when Roald was three. He attended Repton School, where he was often beaten. In later years he wrote stories about children who took revenge against adults for their cruelty.

Roald did have some happy times, too. A particularly fond memory was that of the neighbourhood sweet shop, which he once described as the centre of his life. Another experience—also having to do with lollies—had a great influence on his writing of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*! When Roald was a teenager, Cadbury, the large chocolate manufacturer, sent boxes of chocolate bars to the school boys to be tested for

taste and quality. Roald used to dream about working in one of Cadbury's chocolate-inventing laboratories.

Roald did not attend a university. In 1932 he began a career with the Shell Oil Co of East Africa. He worked for them until 1939, when the outbreak of World War II prompted him to enlist in the Royal Air Force. He became a fighter pilot and was seriously injured in a crash landing. In 1953 Roald Dahl married actress Patricia Neal. They had four children, one of whom tragically died at age seven.

Roald always enjoyed writing. In 1943 an account of his adventures in the Royal Air Force was published by *The Saturday Evening Post*. His first book, *The Gremlins*, was published in 1943. Dahl continued to write and became extremely popular. Although he wrote many wonderful children's stories, he is just as well known for his adult suspense and horror stories. Dahl also wrote many movie scripts, including the James Bond movie *You Only Live Twice* and the children's film *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*. Among his most popular children's books are *James and the Giant Peach* (1961) and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* (1964), which was made into the films *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* in 1971, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* in 2005.

Roald Dahl died in Oxford, England, on 23 November, 1990.

Pre-Reading Information

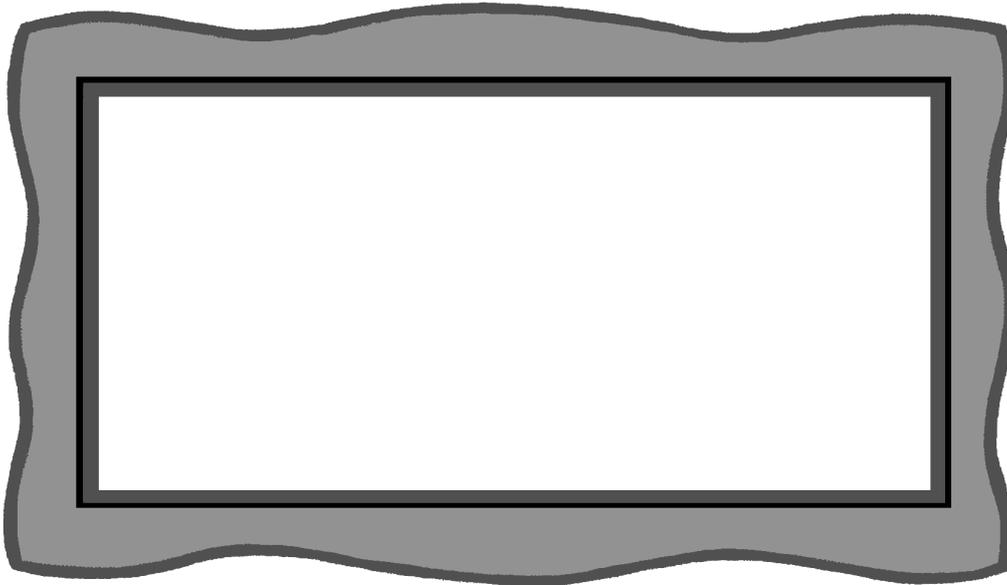
The Extended Family

Charlie lives with his parents and grandparents. When a family group includes only parents and children, it is called a **nuclear family**. A family group that includes parents, children and other relatives—for example, grandparents, aunts or uncles—is called an **extended family**.

With whom do you live? Is your family group a nuclear family or an extended family?

A Family Portrait

Draw a picture of your family in the frame.



Now complete this chart. Tell how each member of your family group is related to you.

Family member	Relationship to you

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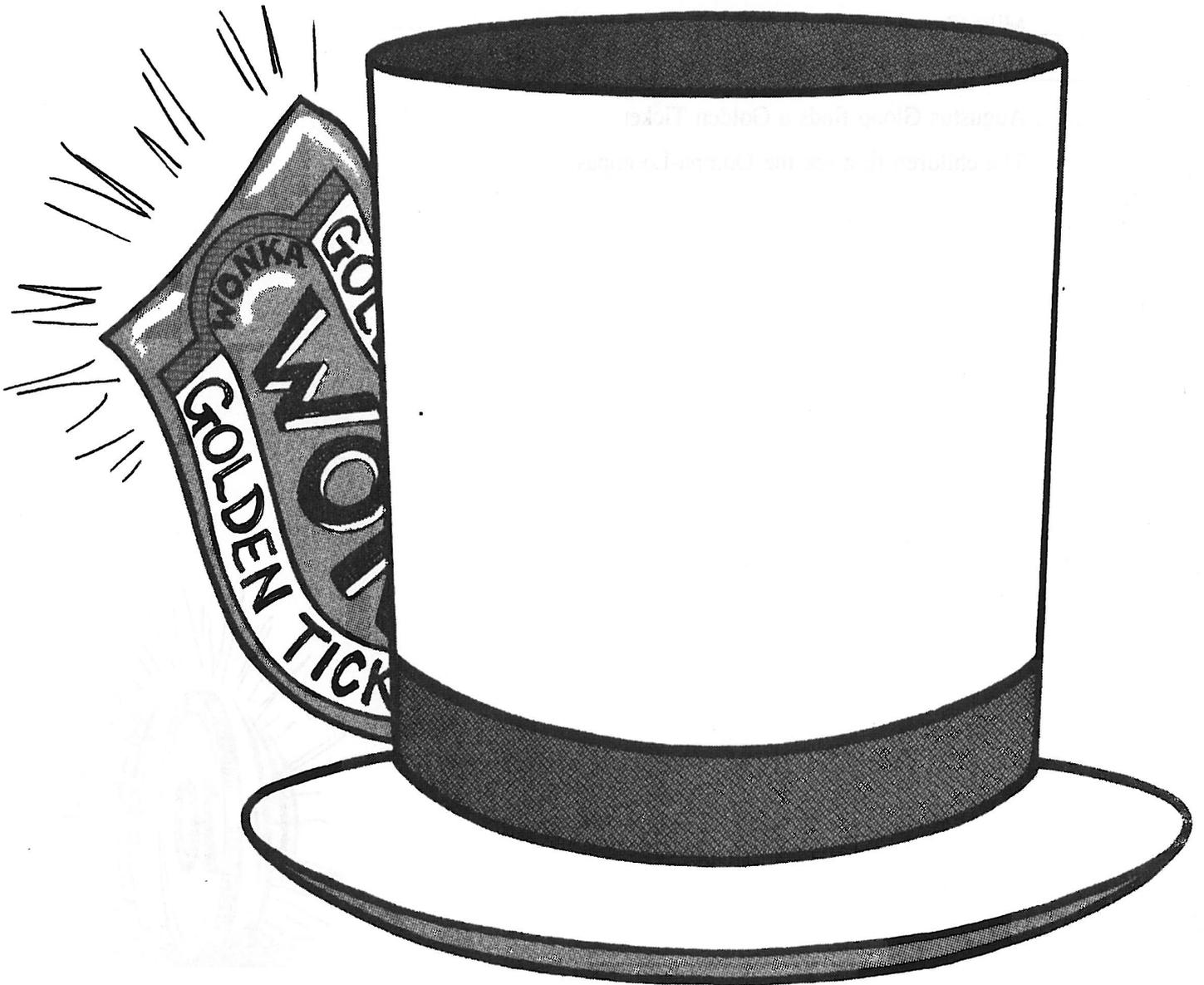
Puns

A **pun** is a play on words. It usually involves words that are similar in sound but different in meaning. Sometimes it involves different meanings of the same word. Puns are usually meant to be humorous.

In *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, Mr Wonka used several puns.

EXAMPLE: “Just as a *poached* egg isn’t a *poached* egg unless it’s been stolen from the woods in the dead of the night.” *Poached* can mean to cook in boiling or simmering liquid. *Poached* can also mean to take something—usually fish or game—illegally from a forbidden area.

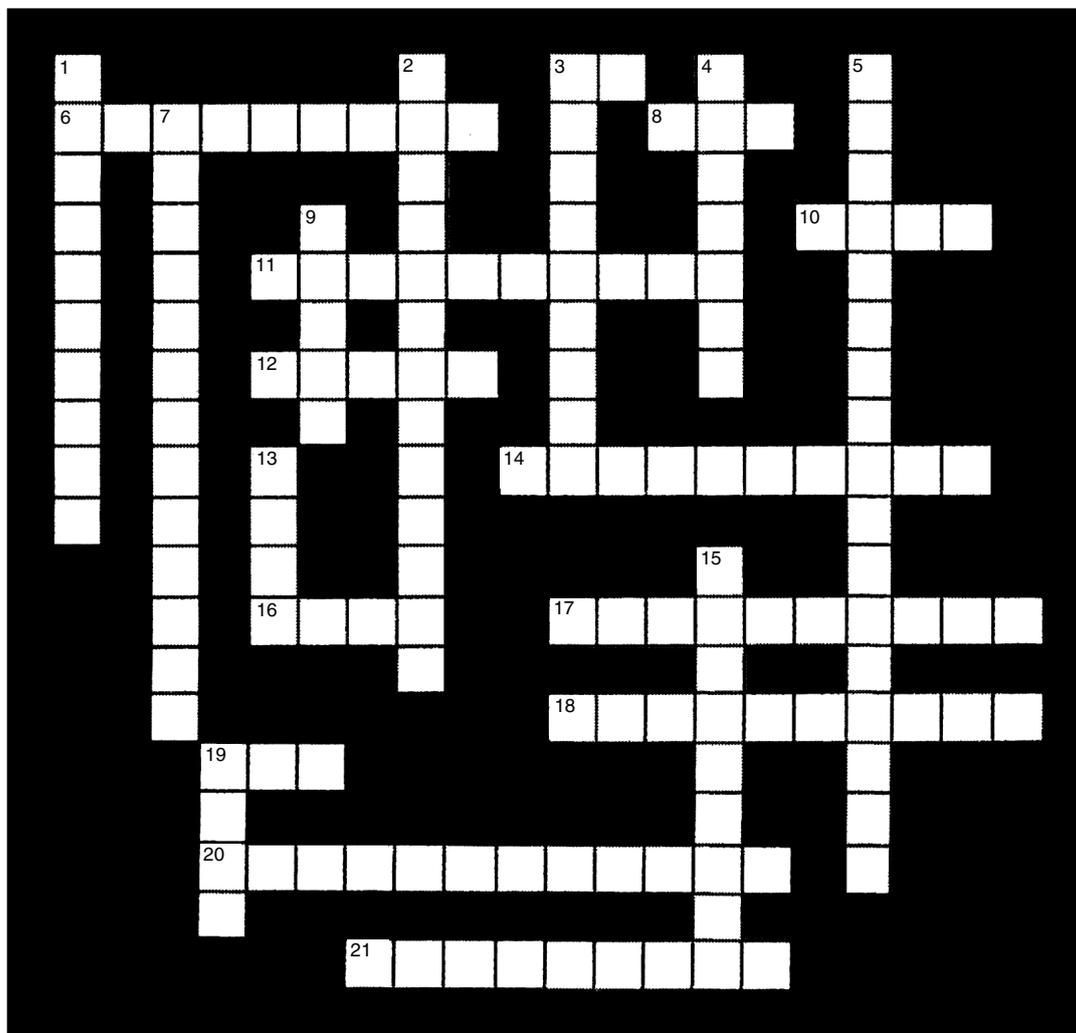
See if you can create your own puns. (Hint: Many riddles use puns.) The following are a few ideas to choose from: sail/sale, patience/patients, bare/bear, bean/been, account/a count, appear/a pear and beet/beat. If you prefer, choose a word or pair of words of your own.



Crossword Puzzle

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

See how much you remember about *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Have fun!



ACROSS

3. Initials of the new owner of chocolate factory.
6. Author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.
8. Augustus used to be _____.
10. Violet turned this colour.
11. Owned the chocolate factory.
12. Number of people in Bucket household.
14. Spoiled girl who found second ticket.
16. Number of winners of Golden Tickets.
17. Staple food of 20 Across.
18. Avid TV watcher.
19. A play on words.
20. Tiny factory workers.
21. Trained to get the walnuts out whole.

DOWN

1. Accompanied Charlie on tour of factory.
2. Hero of story.
3. Charlie's birthday present.
4. The squirrels put Veruca down the _____ chute.
5. She liked to chew gum.
7. Greedy boy who found ticket.
9. Augustus fell into a chocolate one.
13. The elevator shot through the _____.
15. Used to mix the chocolate.
19. The Bucket family was very _____.