

PARAGON CONVENT SCHOOL

CLASS-3

ENGLISH: NOVEL

MATILDA, ROALD DAHL

SUMMARY: CHAPTER-1, 2



Matilda is the four-year-old main character of the story. She is the child of Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood and she has a 9-year-old brother named Michael, who is an average boy who ignores her as well. Matilda on the other hand is

brilliant and intelligent. She could speak and had an impressive vocabulary before the age of 2. When she was three, she had taught herself to read, but her parents would never buy her a book because they believed that television is much more important. Around this age, Matilda was left alone at home all day while her brother was at school, her father at work, and her mother at Bingo. Matilda used to go to public library to read books. The librarian, Mrs. Phelps helped Matilda to find interesting books.

Matilda's father, Mr. Wormwood is a car dealer but his success is based on cheating his customers like selling them older, less functional cars but repairing them in certain ways that make them appear better than they actually are so he can fetch more money from the sale. He tells these secrets to his children because he wants Michael to join the business one day, but Matilda just believes he is a crook.

DO THE FOLLOWING WORK IN SPOKEN ENGLISH

NOTEBOOK:

➤ Difficult Words-

1. twaddle
2. curious
3. abdomen

4. glacial
5. scab
6. chatterbox
7. hankering
8. spoiled
9. toddle
10. mooch
11. pale
12. fiddle

➤ **Write the right names in the sentences:**

1. Mr. Wormwood is a small, ratty-looking man.
2. Matilda is a clever little girl.
3. Michael is an ordinary boy.
4. Mrs. Phelps is a librarian.

➤ **Answer the following questions:**

Q1: What could Matilda do at the age of one and a half?

Ans. At the age of one and a half, Matilda's speech was perfect and she knew as much words as most grown-ups.

Q2: Describe the personality of Mr. Wormwood.

Ans. Mr. Wormwood is a terrible person. He is dishonest and arrogant. He is a used car salesman who earns his money by cheating his customers. He is cruel to his daughter and does not support her. He wants to get rid of her.