

PARAGON CONVENT SCHOOL

CLASS-3

ENGLISH: NOVEL

CHAPTER-5, 6

SUMMARY

Matilda takes satisfaction in the fact that her punishments seem to work, for a little while, at making her parents more bearable to be around. But it does not last. After a day of work, Mr. Wormwood asks Matilda's brother to fetch a pad and paper to add up some figures, since he will be joining his father's car sales business when he is older and will need to know these things. He lists how many cars he sold that day, stating both the price he bought them for and the price he sold them for, and asks his son to figure out his final total profit. In hardly a blink of an eye, Matilda answers, getting the number exactly right. This rattles her father, who calls her a liar and a cheat.

Matilda knows her father needs another punishment. She takes her mother's platinum blonde hair dye from the cupboard in the bathroom and pours some of it into her father's bottle of hair tonic, which he uses to keep his thick black hair looking bright and strong. She listens in the morning while he applies it, and he is clearly unaware that anything is amiss. Then he comes into the kitchen to eat his breakfast, and Matilda's mother screams when she catches sight of her husband, with hair that is now a dirty silver color. She insists he must have dyed it, and Matilda suggests that he unwittingly took Mrs. Wormwood's bottle

of hair dye off the shelf instead of his own tonic. They all tell him to wash his hair fast or it might start falling out, since peroxide is a powerful chemical. Matilda plays innocent, and her mother tells her that she will learn as she gets older that men are not quite as clever as they think they are.

NOTEBOOK WORK

Tick the correct answer-

1. In chapter 5 of Matilda, who does Mr. Wormwood want to talk about his good day?
 - a. Mrs. Wormwood
 - b. Matilda
 - c. Michael ✓

2. What does Mrs. Wormwood normally serve for dinner?
 - a. Hamburgers
 - b. TV dinners
 - c. Pizza ✓

3. What does Mr. Wormwood use on his hair every

morning?

- a. Oil of Violets Hair Tonic ✓
- b. Milk and Honey Conditioner
- c. Vaseline and Gel

Answer the following questions-

Q1. What did Mr. and Mrs. Wormwood assume had happened to his hair?

Ans. They assumed that Mr. Wormwood had picked the wrong bottle in the bathroom.

Q2. What is Mr. Wormwood incapable of doing?

Ans. He was incapable of doing anything quietly.