Matilda Comprehension Questions

Section One: Chapters 1-4

Directions: Answer each question in complete sentences.

1.) List the 3 main events that happened in Section One: Chapters 1-4.
   a. ____________________________________________________________
   b. ____________________________________________________________
   c. ____________________________________________________________

2.) How does the author think parents should treat their children? ______________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

3.) When did Matilda start to read? ______________________________________
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4.) Describe how Matilda got books to read. ______________________________
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5.) What is extraordinary about Matilda? _________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

6.) Why was Mrs. Phelps important to Matilda? __________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

7.) What kind of man is Matilda’s father? ________________________________
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   __________________________________________________________________

8.) Why did Matilda decide to play tricks on her father? ___________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
9.) Describe one of Matilda’s tricks. ______________________________________
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________________________________________________________________________
10.) When the Wormwood family was afraid of a ghost, what were they actually afraid of? ________________________________________________________
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Draw a picture of a scene from Section One: Chapters 1-4. Be sure to color it.
Title of Scene: __________________________________________________________
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Section Two: Chapters 5-8

Directions: Answer each question in complete sentences.

1.) List the 3 main events that happened in Section Two: Chapters 5-8.
   a. _____________________________________________________________
   b. _____________________________________________________________
   c. _____________________________________________________________

2.) Why was Mr. Wormwood trying to teach his son arithmetic? _______________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

3.) What happened to Mr. Wormwood’s hair? _____________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

4.) Describe Matilda’s first day at school. _________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

5.) What are some of the things that Matilda knew in school that her classmates did not? _____________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

6.) What do you like about Miss Honey? _________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

7.) Who is Mrs. Trunchbull, and why do children fear her? ________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

8.) Explain what a limerick is and why Matilda makes one up. ______________
9.) Miss Honey talks to Miss Trunchbull about Matilda. What is she trying to tell Miss Trunchbull? __________________________________________________________________________
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10.) What do you think is the worst thing about Miss Trunchbull? ____________
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Draw a picture of a scene from Section One: Chapters 1-4. Be sure to color it.

Title of Scene: __________________________________________________________
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Section Three: Chapters 9-12

Directions: Answer each question in complete sentences.

1.) List the 3 main events that happened in Section Three: Chapters 9-12.
   a. ________________________________________________
   b. ________________________________________________
   c. ________________________________________________

2.) Why did Miss Honey make a visit to Matilda’s house? ____________________
    __________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________

3.) What was Mrs. Wormwood doing when Miss Honey came to visit? __________
    __________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________

4.) Who is Hortensia, and why is she important to the story? __________________
    __________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________

5.) Who is Lavender, and why is she important to the story? __________________
    __________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________

6.) In what even did Miss Trunchbull complete in the Olympics, and how did this
    skill affect the schoolchildren? _______________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________

7.) What happened to Amanda Thripp? ________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________

8.) Did Bruce Bogtrotter win or lose his battle with Miss Trunchbull? Why? _____
    __________________________________________________________________
    __________________________________________________________________
9.) What kind of animal did Lavender catch? ______________________________
__________________________________________________________________

10.) What did she do with the animal? _________________________________
__________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________

Draw a picture of a scene from Section Three: Chapters 9-12. Be sure to color it.

Title of Scene: ______________________________________________________
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Section Four: Chapters 13-16

Directions: Answer each question in complete sentences.

1.) List the 3 main events that happened in Section Four: Chapters 13-16.
   a. _____________________________________________________________
   b. _____________________________________________________________
   c. _____________________________________________________________

2.) What special rhyme did Miss Honey use to teach her students spelling? ______
   ______________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________

3.) How did Miss Trunchbull lift Rupert into the air, and why did she do it? ______
   ______________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________

4.) How did Miss Trunchbull life Eric Ink into the air, and why did she do it? ______
   ______________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________

5.) Which do you think Matilda feels is more important: telling the truth or
   protecting herself? Why? ________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________

6.) How does the glass of water topple over? _____________________________
   ______________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________

7.) What does Miss Honey think about Matilda’s special gift? _______________
   ______________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________

8.) Describe Miss Honey’s cottage. ______________________________________
9.) How does the author show that Miss Honey is poor? ______________________
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______________________________

10.) What do Matilda and Miss Honey talk about while they are having tea? ____
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Draw a picture of Miss Honey’s cottage as it was described in Section Four: Chapters 13-16. Be sure to color it.

Title of Scene: Miss Honey’s Cottage
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Section Five: Chapters 17-21

Directions: Answer each question in complete sentences.

1.) List the 3 main events that happened in Section Five: Chapters 17-21.
   a. _____________________________________________________________
   b. _____________________________________________________________
   c. _____________________________________________________________

2.) What secret did Miss Honey have about Miss Trunchbull? __________________________
   __________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________

3.) What events led up to Miss Trunchbull playing an important role in Miss Honey’s childhood? __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

4.) How did Miss Honey get away from Miss Trunchull? __________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

5.) How does Miss Honey get enough food to eat? _______________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

6.) What did Matilda practice in her room? ____________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

7.) What happened to the chalkboard that frightened Miss Trunchbull? ________________
   __________________________________________________________________________
   __________________________________________________________________________

8.) What happened to Miss Honey as a result of Matilda’s powers? ________________
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9.) Why did the Wormwoods leave town so suddenly? ______________________
    ___________________________________________________________________
    ___________________________________________________________________

10.) What happened to Matilda when her family left town? _________________
    ___________________________________________________________________
    ___________________________________________________________________

Draw a picture of a scene from Section Five: Chapters 17-21. Be sure to color it.

Title of Scene: ______________________________________________________