

Year 7 – Danny the Champion of the World – English Knowledge Organiser

Expectations and content

What is this unit about and why do we teach it?

- The enduring popularity of Roald Dahl's stories makes them a perfect choice to nurture children's love of reading and stories. The accessible nature of the story allows students to develop their awareness of context and build their critical skills.

Key Vocabulary taught:

- engineer
- poaching
- diabolical
- gipsy/gypsy
- transfixed
- scarce

Key terminology taught:

- Prose
- Metaphor
- Technique
- Tension

If your child needs support

Vocabulary help:

- Use a dictionary to find definitions of the key vocabulary
- Write sentences about the stories using the key vocabulary
- Create a crossword where the answers are the key vocabulary

Terminology help:

- Create flashcards to help you remember the definitions of the key terminology
- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> has resources to support learning of English subject terminology

General help:

- Create a fact file about Roald Dahl
- Watch the film Danny the Champion of the World
- We have read another story which takes place in a forest: A Midsummer Night's Dream. Make a list of the similarities and the differences between the forests in Danny, the Champion of the World and A Midsummer Night's Dream.
- People poach rare and endangered animals across the world. Find out more about these animals on the WWF website:
http://www.wwf.org.uk/what_we_do/illegal_wildlife_trade/

If your child needs extension

Questions to discuss with your child:

- Some people think that corporal punishment should be brought back to schools. What do you think?
- Victor Hazell organises shooting parties for his friends. What do you think about hunting animals?
- Was it right for Danny and his father to poach Mr Hazell's pheasants? Why/why not?

Challenging activities to complete:

- Research the term gipsy/gypsy and find out about the Romany/traveller culture
- Make a family tree for your own family
- Catching an animal without harming usually uses a humane trap. Find out how zookeepers and conservationists catch and care for wild animals in different countries.

Suggested further reading:

- Other Roald Dahl stories: The BFG, Matilda, James and the Giant Peach
- Mr Stink by David Walliams: It all starts when Chloe makes friends with Mr Stink, the local tramp.
- The Story of Tracy Beaker by Jacqueline Wilson. Tracy is 10 years old. She lives in a children's home but one day she would like a real home with a real family.