**While reading**

**Introduction**

1. Answer these questions.
   a. Which of the two stories reflect the author's own experience in East Africa and as a fighter pilot?
   b. What does RAF stand for?

2. Answer these questions.
   a. Who is old? …
   b. Who is young? …
   c. Who is English? …
   d. Who is American? …
   e. Who is wearing clothes? …
   f. Who is not wearing clothes? …
   g. Who is given a name? …
   h. Who is not given a name? …
   i. What do the answers to these questions tell you about the story and why did Roald Dahl choose to write the story in this way? (Use a separate sheet to answer the question.)

3. What do the underlined words refer to? Write the answers.
   a. He inspected the back of the chair for safety, then he sat down and crossed his legs.
   b. It lit and burned with a small, steady, yellow flame, and the way he held his hands meant that the wind didn't get to it at all.
   c. 'How old? It is last year's. Quite a new car. But I see you are not a betting man. Americans never are.'
   d. We watched him hammer two nails into the table, about fifteen centimetres apart, allowing a small part of each one to stick up. Then he tested that they were firm with his fingers.

**Man from the South**

4. Answer these questions.
   a. What type of plane is the pilot flying?
   b. Which of the pilot's legs is injured?
   c. What two things tell the pilot he is not in England?
   d. How does he find out he is in France?
   e. Why does the pilot tell the RAF officer his name, rank and number only?

5. Fill in the blanks.
   A (a) ………….. in World War II is shot down in his fighter plane and wakes up in hospital. The (b) ………….. pretends he is in England, but he soon realizes he is in (c) ………….. and is a prisoner of the Germans.

**The Landlady**

6. Are these sentences right (✓) or wrong (✗)? If one is wrong, make it right.
   a. Billy Weaver travels to Bath.
   b. He wants to stay in a pub.
   c. He decides to stay in the guesthouse.
   d. The guesthouse is expensive.
   e. There are no other people staying there.
   f. Billy wants some supper.
   g. The landlady is very kind.
   h. Billy has something to drink.
   i. The dog greets Billy.
   j. The last guest in the house was two years ago.

7. Choose the best answer, 1, 2, 3 or 4.
   a. When did Mr Boggis start to have the idea of tricking people into parting with their antiques for just a little money? …
      1) When he visited his old mother one Sunday morning.
      2) After he had bought two antique armchairs from a woman in a farm house.
      3) When he was driving in London.
      4) None of the above
   b. What increases the value of the commode? …
      1) The commode is protected by paints.
      2) The owner can provide the original bill.
      3) It is in the English style.
      4) None of the above
   c. Which of the following is NOT a characteristic of an eighteenth century screw? …
      1) It is handmade.
      2) It is irregular.
      3) It is machine-produced.
      4) None of the above
Man from the South and Other Stories

**Pig**

8 Answer these questions.
   a How is Aunt Glosspan different from Lexington's other relatives?
   b Why does Aunt Glosspan teach Lexington at home?
   c Why does Lexington give money to the waiter for the first time?
   d What happens to Lexington in the slaughterhouse?

9 Fill in the blanks with the correct words.
   After his aunt's death, Lexington goes down the mountain to visit a doctor who gives him a (a) .................. . He is told to go to the (b) .................. to meet Mr Samuel Zuckermann who is a (c) .................. . On his way, he lives on (d) ................. and wild plants. Mr Zuckermann tells Lexington to pay the (e) .................. company if he wants to get the money from the will. After that, Lexington goes into a small restaurant and orders a (f) ................. and potatoes. He then learns how to prepare the dish from the (g) ................. . Lexington wonders how the (h) ................. are killed and asked for the address of the (i) ................. .

**An African Story**

10 Put these sentences in the right order, 1–6.
   a □ The old man talked to Judson about his dog that Judson hit.
   b □ The old man watched at night at the window.
   c □ The dog was making a noise.
   d □ Judson killed the dog.
   e □ The mamba killed Judson.
   f □ The old man told Judson a boy stole the milk.

11 Circle the correct answers.
   a The old man looks younger than / older than / the same as his real age.
   b The old man uses the wooden stick / blue pot / heavy iron bar to hit the dog.
   c The old man asks Judson to shoot the thief with the gun / dig a shallow hole and lie in it / build a fence.
   d Judson falls to the ground because he loses his balance / the old man shoots him / the mamba bites him and he is poisoned.

**The Champion of the World**

12 Answer these questions. Write the answers in numbers and units.
   a How many raisins do Claud and Gordon prepare? …..
   b How many kilometres is it from the petrol station to the wood? …..
   c How many months can poachers get in prison? …..
   d How many keepers are there? …..
   e How many ways of poaching does Claud describe? …..
   f How many sleeping pills does Gordon have left? …..
   g How many pheasants are in the feeding ground? …..
   h How many pheasants did Claud’s father get in one night? …..
   i How many pheasants does Claud give Charlie? …..
   j How many pheasants are in the pram? …..

**After reading**

13 Answer these questions.
   a Why does the American boy agree to take the bet with the man from the south?
   b Why do Christopher Mulholland and Gregory W. Temple never check out?
   c What characteristics does Billy share in common with Christopher Mulholland and Gregory W. Temple?
   d Where does Mr Boggis look for old furniture with a high market value?
   e What two mistakes does Mr Boggis make that lead to the men destroying the commode?

14 Match the characters with the words from the box. (You can use a word more than once.)

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Man from the South and Other Stories

All stories

1 Who are these people in the story? Write their names.
   a He claims that he is the ‘President of the Society for the Preservation of Rare Furniture’ on his name card. ………….  
   b She has adopted the baby of her relatives who were killed by mistake. …….…… 
   c She tells the patient that they are in Brighton. …………… 
   d He is twenty-eight and has no marks on his body. …………… 
   e He is very rich and goes hunting to make friends. ……………  
   f He was killed in the trap set by the old man. …………… 
   g He is a pilot from England and is caught by the Germans. ………….  
   h He is proud of his father because he invented three methods of poaching. …………. 
   i She stuffs all her own little pets. …………… 
   j He has been a vegetarian since birth. ……………  

2 Match the underlined pronouns with the words from the box.
   guesthouse engine slaughterhouse  
   antique inn poaching pork
   a It is the meat of a pig. …………… 
   b The older it is, the higher value it has. …………… 
   c It is a pub in the countryside. …………… 
   d It is the place where animals get killed for their meat. …………… 
   e It is an act of catching and killing animals illegally. …………… 
   f It is used to power the aircraft. …………… 
   g It is a kind of small, cheap hotel. ……………  

3 Write the correct answer, 1, 2, 3 or 4.
   a The pilot can tell that the aircraft flying over the hospital is ……… .
      1) an American warplane 
      2) a bomber or fighter from France 
      3) a Spitfire 
      4) a German Junkers 88 
   b How does Billy Weaver describe the landlady? ……… 
      1) A cheerful woman in her thirties 
      2) A mother-like woman who is nice to her guest 
      3) A lonely woman with good memory 
      4) None of the above

4 What are their professions? Write the answers.
   a Mr Boggis …………… 
   b Roberts …………… 
   c Samuel Zuckermann …………… 
   d Peter Williamson ……………  

5 Who is talking to whom?
   a ‘You’re a lucky fellow. You landed in a wood near the beach. You’re in Brighton. They brought you in two days ago, and now you’re better. You look fine.’ ………………… to ………………… 
   b ‘If that is too much,’ she added, ‘then perhaps I can reduce it just a tiny bit. Do you desire an egg for breakfast? Eggs are expensive at the moment. It would cost less without the egg.’ ………………… to ………………… 
   c ‘You dirty, cruel coward. That was my dog. What right have you got to beat my dog, tell me that. Answer me, you madman. Answer me.’ ………………… to …………………  

The Landlady

6 Complete the sentences with the right words.
   The (a) …………………-year-old Billy looks for a pub to stay until a notice with the words (b) ‘………………’ outside a house draws his attention. He then goes inside the house and meets the landlady with gentle (c) ………………… eyes. After settling down, he signs the (d) ………………… lying open on the piano.

The Champion of the World

7 Complete the sentences with the right words.
   Gordon and (a) ………………… work in the (b) ………………… station. They go poaching in (c) ………………… at night to catch the (d) ………………….