

# Roald Dahl – Glossary

**air force** noun [count]

the part of a country's military organization that uses planes in fighting

**behave** verb

to do things in a particular way  
*The children behaved very badly.*

**belong to someone** phrasal verb

to be owned by someone  
*The car belongs to the woman next door.*

**blueberry** noun [count]

a small dark-blue fruit that grows on a bush and is very common in North America

**chewing gum** noun [uncount]

a type of sweet, usually flavoured with mint, that you chew for a long time but do not swallow  
*a stick of chewing gum*

**eccentric** adjective

someone who is eccentric often behaves in slightly strange or unusual ways  
*She's regarded as being rather eccentric.*

**factory** noun [count]

a building or group of buildings where large quantities of goods are produced using machines  
*She works in a factory.*

**flavour** noun [count]

the particular taste that food or drink has  
*a nutty/spicy/bitter flavour*

**guided tour** noun [count]

a short journey around a building or place with a person who tells you about what you are seeing

**hero** noun [count]

the main male character of a book, film, or play, who usually has good qualities.

**humour** noun [uncount]

the quality that makes a situation or entertainment funny  
*a novel full of humour*

**invisible** adjective

something that is invisible cannot be seen  
*She had a magic cloak that made her invisible.*

**Norwegian** adjective

someone who is Norwegian is from Norway

**pilot** noun [count]

someone who flies an aircraft  
*He's training to be an airline pilot.*

**prevent** verb

to stop something from happening  
*Regular cleaning may help prevent infection.*

**public** noun [uncount]

people in general  
*The house was first opened to the public in the 1950s.*

**publish** verb

to produce many copies of a book, magazine, or newspaper  
*Their company publishes a wide selection of books.*

**repair** verb

to fix something that is broken or damaged  
*Little seems to have been done to repair the bridges.*

**reveal** verb

to let something become known, for example a secret or information that was previously not known  
*She refused to reveal the contents of the letter.*

**spoilt** adjective

a child who is spoilt behaves badly if they do not get what they want, because people have always given them everything they want

**story** noun [count]

an account of something that happened. Stories can be imaginary, traditional, or true  
*The book is about the discovery of DNA – it's a marvellous story.*

**turn into** linking verb

change or develop into something different  
*Our holiday turned into a nightmare.*

**wartime** noun [uncount]

the period when a war is taking place  
*The original buildings were destroyed during wartime.*

**work** noun [count/uncount]

something produced by a writer, painter, musician, or other artist  
*This is a minor but moving work of literature.*

**wrapping** noun [count/uncount]

the paper, plastic etc that is wrapped around something