



Roald Dahl's

FANTASTIC MR FOX



THE VERY CLEVER MR FOX!

LEARNING OBJECTIVE

- Understand and explore characters in a text.
- Infer and deduce the hidden meanings in texts.



INTRODUCTION

MR FOX

Read the extracts from 'Fantastic Mr Fox.' (See the documents along with this PowerPoint.) These show what a clever fox Mr Fox is!

As you read, **THINK**: What are the other characteristics of Mr Fox?

FANTASTIC MR FOX EXTRACTS: MR FOX

From Chapter 9: Mr Fox has a Plan

Mr Fox had not spoken for a long time. He had been sitting quite still, his eyes closed, not even hearing what the others were saying. Mrs Fox knew that he was trying desperately to think of a way out. And now, as she looked at him, she saw him stir himself and get slowly to his feet. He looked back at his wife. There was a little spark of excitement dancing in his eyes.

'What is it, darling?' said Mrs Fox quickly.

'I've just had a bit of an idea,' Mr Fox said carefully.

'What?' they cried. 'Oh, Dad, what is it?'

'Come on!' said Mrs Fox. 'Tell us quickly!'

'Well...' said Mr Fox, then he stopped and sighed and sadly shook his head. He sat down again. 'It's no good,' he said. 'It won't work after all.'

'Why not, Dad?'

'Because it means more digging and we aren't any of us strong enough for that after three days and nights without food.'

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'Yes we are, Dad!' cried the Small Foxes, jumping up and running to their father. 'We can do it! You see if we can't! So can you!'

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COMPREHENSION

- 1. How does Mr Fox's appearance change when he has an idea?**
- 2. Why is Mr Fox proud of his children?**
- 3. What is Mr Fox's plan?**
- 4. Why does he not tell the small foxes his plan?**
- 5. Why does Mr Fox take great care when leaving the chicken house?**

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COMPREHENSION -

ANSWERS

- 1. It is clear when Mr Fox has an idea because something in his face changes. He is described as having 'a little spark of excitement dancing in his eyes.'**
- 2. Mr Fox is proud of his children because of how resilient they are. Although they have not had a drink for three days, they are 'undefeated.'**



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3. Mr Fox's plan is to dig and dig and dig until they are underneath the storehouses of the farmers. Then, they will be able to steal the food!

4. He doesn't tell the young foxes where they are going because he fears that they will 'die with disappointment' if they don't make it there.



INTRODUCTION COMPREHENSION - ANSWERS

5. Mr Fox takes great care when leaving the chicken house because he doesn't want the farmers to know that anyone has been there. That way, he can keep returning when he needs to. This shows his ability to forward plan.



DEVELOPMENT

MR FOX'S CHARACTER

As we have seen from our reading extract today, Mr Fox is a very clever character.

However, he also has many other strings to his bow!

In this section of the lesson, we will find out a bit more about the main character of the story.



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TEXT DETECTIVES!

You are now going to need the worksheet on the right, which will enable you to find out a little more information about Mr Fox.

The next two slides are for you to check what you have discovered so don't look at them until you've filled in your sheet.

FANTASTIC MR FOX
TEXT DETECTIVES!

Skim and scan the pages listed to infer key information about Mr Fox!

Page/Description	Quote	What characteristic/s does Mr Fox show? Explain?
Page 36 – Mr Fox cares for his wife		
Page 40 – Mr Fox is proud of himself		
Page 58 – Mr Fox does what he needs to		
Page 79 – Mr Fox cares for other animals too		



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ANSWERS

Page/Description	Quote	What characteristic/s does Mr Fox show? Explain?
Page 36 – Mr Fox cares for his wife	“You stay right where you are, my darling...we can handle this ourselves.”	This shows that Mr Fox is a loving and selfless character. He is prepared to do the hard work and let his wife rest up, as he doesn't want any harm to come to her.
Page 40 – Mr Fox is proud of himself	“I hit it slap in the middle! First time! Isn't that fantastic? And, if I say so, rather clever!”	This shows that Mr Fox is very sure of his own qualities, and could at times be seen as a little arrogant. He is not afraid to pat himself on the back!

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ANSWERS

<p>Page 58 – Mr Fox does what he needs to</p>	<p>“Do you know anyone in the whole world who wouldn’t swipe a few chickens if his children were starving to death?”</p>	<p>Mr Fox is a moral character, who thinks about his actions before carrying them out. He knows that stealing is wrong, but that he has to do so for his family to survive.</p>
<p>Page 79 – Mr Fox cares for other animals too</p>	<p>“I therefore invite you all to stay here with me forever!”</p>	<p>This once again shows how selfless Mr Fox is. Mr Fox is happy to keep the other animals safe with him in the tunnel. He will happily take all of the risks for them.</p>