

The Primary Stage of Grades (4-5) School Year 2022-2023

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Subject: Reading Comprehension Worksheet/ “Matilda”/ Answer Key

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Class: Grade Five National (A+B)

Matilda

Nearly every weekday afternoon Matilda was left alone in the house. Her brother (five years older than her) went to school. Her father went to work and her mother went out playing bingo in a town eight miles away. Mrs. Wormwood was hooked on bingo and played it five afternoons a week. On the afternoon of the day when her father had refused to buy her a book, Matilda set out all by herself to walk to the public library in the village. When she arrived, she introduced herself to the librarian, Mrs. Phelps. She asked if she might sit a while and read a book. Mrs. Phelps, slightly taken aback at the arrival of such a tiny girl unaccompanied by a parent, nevertheless told her she was very welcome.

“Where are the children’s books please?” Matilda asked.

“They’re over there on those lower shelves” Mrs. Phelps told her

“Would you like me to help you find a nice one with lots of pictures in it?”

“No, thank you” Matilda said. I’m sure I can manage.

From then on, every afternoon, as soon as her mother had left for bingo, Matilda would toddle down to the library. The walk took only ten minutes and this allowed her two glorious hours sitting quietly by herself in a cosy corner devouring one book after another. When she

had read every single children's book in the place, she started wandering around in search of something else.

Mrs. Phelps, who had been watching her with fascination for the past few weeks, now got up from her desk and went over her. 'Can I help you, Matilda?' she asked.

'I'm wondering what to read next' Matilda said. 'I've finished all the children's books.'

'You mean you've looked at the pictures?'

'Yes, but I've read the books as well.'

Mrs. Phelps looked down at Matilda from her great height and Matilda looked right back up at her.

'I thought some were very poor' Matilda said, but others were lovely. I liked The Secret Garden best of all. It was full of mystery.

1. Where did Matilda's mother go every afternoon?
Her mother went out playing bingo in a town eight miles away.
2. Why did Matilda decide to go to the public library?
Because her father had refused to buy her a book.
3. Why was the librarian surprised?
Because Matilda came to the library unaccompanied by a parent.
4. What did Matilda do after she finished reading all the children's books?
She started wandering around in search of something else.
5. List the reason why Matilda liked the book "The Secret Garden"?
It was full of mystery.
6. Read these sentences. Are they true or false?
 - a. Mrs. Wormwood played bingo five afternoons a week. **T**

- b. Matilda's brother was seven years older than she was. ___F___
- c. The librarian first told Matilda that the picture books were on the lower shelves. ___T___
7. The word "unaccompanied" means: ___alone___
8. Find an adverb. ___slightly___
9. Find a noun: ___brother___
10. Find a verb: ___played___