

Questions

Chapters 1 + 2

1. How do Matilda's parents look upon her?
2. Why is Mrs Phelps concerned about Matilda's safety?
3. Why do two red spots appear on Matilda's father's cheeks?
4. Why do you think Mrs Phelps takes an interest in helping Matilda?
5. Why do you think the book starts with a discussion of parents?

6. Roald Dahl describes Matilda as 'extraordinary', 'sensitive' and 'brilliant'. What effect do these words have on the reader?