

GET READY!



Mr Twit

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Mr Twit was one of these very hairy-faced men. The whole of his face except for his forehead, his eyes and his nose was covered with thick hair. The stuff even sprouted in revolting tufts out of his nostrils and ear-holes.

Mr Twit felt that this hairiness made him look terrifically wise and grand. But in truth he was neither of these things. Mr Twit was a twit. He was born a twit. And now at the age of sixty, he was a bigger twit than ever.

The hair on Mr Twit's face didn't grow smooth and matted as it does on most hairy-faced men. It grew in spikes that stuck out straight like the bristles of a nailbrush.

And how often did Mr Twit wash this bristly nailbrushy face of his?

The answer is NEVER, not even on Sundays.

He hadn't washed it for years.

Dirty Beards

Mr Twit didn't even bother to open his mouth wide when he ate. As a result (and because he never washed) there were always hundreds of bits of old breakfasts and lunches and suppers sticking to the hairs around his face.

What words/phrases would you magpie from Roald Dahl to describe Mr. Twit that make him sound truly awful?

Can you highlight them or write them out?

Mrs Arnell says:

I love "The stuff even sprouted in revolting tufts."

As a reader I can really picture the hairs sticking out in lumps. Yuck!

I love how Roald Dahl uses repetition to emphasise how much of a twit Mr Twit is - "Mr. Twit was a Twit. He was born a twit. And now he was a bigger Twit than ever. " so you could write - Mr.Twit was nasty. He was born nasty. And now he was nastier than ever!

And I love the way Roald Dahl talks to the reader directly..

"And how often did Mr Twit wash this bristly nailbrushy face of his?

Never! "

Let's see if you can use these techniques in your character description...

STEADY!

Task 1 - Create your own word bank to describe Mrs Twit's beard. Describe all the revolting foods that may be stuck in his beard! You can use ideas from the text and your own...

Success: Choose adjectives that use the *Noticing, Taste and Touch* Fantastics

Creative task:- Can you make a drawing/ painting/ collage of Mr Twit's beard? You could even wear it!



Adjectives	Food (noun)
Sticky, gloopy	tomato ketchup
Mouldy, green	cheese

Mr Twit's personality

Task 2 - Write a list of at least 6 words to describe Mr Twits personality.

Can you use the suffix est (the superlative) to make him sound even worse?

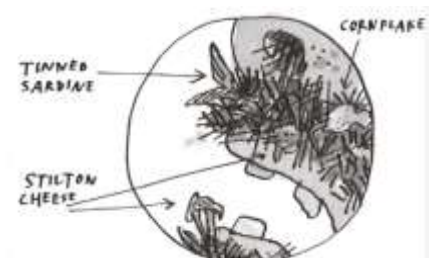
Remember change the y to an i

eg filthy filthiest mean meanest

Task 3 - Write 2 sentences to explain Mr Twit's personality.

eg Mr Twit is the filthiest man because _____

He is so horrible because when he _____



Writing Task

Step 1 - Be ready to use the best words/ phrases from Roald Dahl's writing

Step 2 - Be ready to choose your best adjectives that describe his beard.

Step 3 - Be ready with your best superlatives eg filthiest

Step 4 - Be ready to describe Mr Twit's personality.

So, I have written a character description for **Mrs Twit**.

Mrs Twit character description

Mrs Twit was a horrible human being. She was in fact the ugliest, meanest woman you could meet. She had a long, crooked nose and a thin icy smile. Her hair was matted and stuck up in the air like a broom. But worst of all she had a glass eye that would stare at you wherever you stood! Mrs Twit was ugly. She became ugly. She was so unkind that she would never stop being ugly. Mrs Twit was cunning. She was cunning because she would play horrible tricks on Mr Twit. But worst of all she was cruel. She was so cruel that when she saw children she would hit them with her walking stick. Can you imagine that? Do you think Mrs Twit was ever kind? No not ever!

1. I would like you to use my model above to write your description of Mr Twit.

Look at my sentence patterns. My punctuation. My writing technique to create an effect. Try and include the following...

- Use a noticing fantastic - e.g. **Mrs Twit had a long, crooked nose and a thin, icy smile.**
- Use A superlative - e.g. **Mrs Twit was the sneakiest woman you could meet.**
- Use repetition - e.g. **Mrs Twit was ugly. She became ugly. She was so unkind that she would never stop being ugly.**
- Use talk to the reader - e.g. **Do you think Mrs Twit was ever kind? No not ever!**

Support: If the above is a little too tricky, try to follow his model below.

Mrs Twit was mean. She had a long nose and a thin smile. Her hair was black and spiky. She had lumps on her nose and a glass eye. Mrs Twit was mean because she hit children with her stick! How horrible is that?

Use Capital letters and full stops.

Use adjectives.

Use **and** to join your sentence.

Sound out your words to spell.

Remember... You write your character description for Mr Twit.

2. Finally, don't forget to edit. This is what the best writers do...

Check Re-read

Add capitals ____.

Improve Spellings 1 2 3

Improve Adjectives Verbs