

## LESSON 1

Read “The bicycle and the sweet-shop.”

Note two places in your reading that grabbed your attention and describe what you notice and think about this place in the text.

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**1. Place the correct candy name next to the description that Dahl provides.**

“enormous hard round balls the size of small tomatoes” (16) \_\_\_\_\_

“a hard brown lozenge” (19) \_\_\_\_\_

“a yellow cardboard tube filled with sherbet powder” (15) \_\_\_\_\_

“They smelled of nail-varnish and they froze the back of your throat” (18)

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“a flat black tape about half an inch wide” (14) \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Tonsil Ticklers
- b. Pear Drops
- c. Gobstoppers
- d. Liquorice Bootlaces
- e. Sherbert Suckers

**2. What was it about Pear Drops that made the boys want to eat them “more than ever”?**

- a. The changing colors
- b. The terrible odor
- c. The dangerous taste
- d. The warning against eating them

**3. Why do you think this would cause the boys to want to eat them “more than ever”?**

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**4. What is chloroform used for, according to Thwaites?**

- a. Cleaning swimming pools
- b. Performing medical operations
- c. Helping people sleep better
- d. Producing candies and desserts

**5. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gobstoppers made Dahl and his friends curious.**

- a. colors
- b. size
- c. shape
- d. order

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**6. What did they want to know about the Gobstoppers?**

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**7. Which sentence describes the trick the boys would play with Sherbet Suckers?**

**a.** Sherbet Suckers were also two a penny. **b.** Each Sucker consisted of a yellow cardboard tube filled with sherbet powder, and there was a hollow liquorice straw sticking out of it. **c.** Rat's blood again, young Thwaites would warn us, pointing at the liquorice straw. **d.** You sucked the sherbet up through the straw and when it was finished you ate the liquorice. **e.** They were delicious, those Sherbet Suckers. **f.** The sherbet fizzed in your mouth, and if you knew how to do it, you could make white froth come out of your nostrils and pretend you were throwing a fit. (15)

**8. Which of the candies would you like most? Number the list in order from most appealing to least appealing.**

- a.** Gobstoppers \_\_\_\_\_
- b.** Tonsil Ticklers \_\_\_\_\_
- c.** Sherbet Suckers \_\_\_\_\_
- d.** Pear Drops \_\_\_\_\_
- e.** Liquorice Bootlaces \_\_\_\_\_

**9. Explain your response.**

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