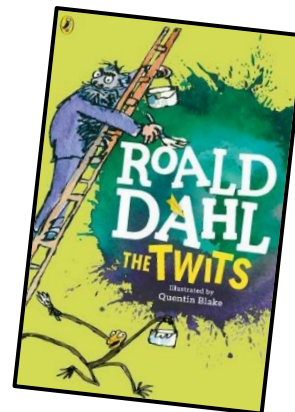




HOME LEARNING  
*The Twits – Roald Dahl*  
Chapter 9 – Mrs Twit has the Shrinks  
Lesson 1



**Subject:** Year 7 English – Miss Boulton

**Time:** 50 minutes

**Learning Objective:** I can recall facts from the story. I understand what a thesaurus is. I can improve a piece of text by changing the language used.

**Task 1: What is a Thesaurus?**

Click on the link below to watch a clip which explains what a thesaurus is. Watch carefully as you will be completing an exercise about what you have watched.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcc2gdm/articles/zsn3msg>

**Task 2: A Thesaurus is...**

Complete the sentences below by filling in the gaps with the correct word from the word bank. If you get stuck, rewatch the clip from the previous task.

You can use a thesaurus when you want to find a different way of \_\_\_\_\_ something. A

thesaurus lists words which mean the \_\_\_\_\_ thing. These words are called \_\_\_\_\_.

synonyms

same

saying

**Task 3: Match the Synonyms**

Synonyms (pronounced sin-on-ims) are words which mean the same thing or similar. Match the synonyms below by drawing a line to match your choices, or by writing the synonyms on a piece of paper/the computer.

Quick
Disgusting
Old
Tasty
Tired
Clever

Smart
Delicious
Speedy
Revolting
Sleepy
Ancient

**Task 4: The Twits – Chapter 9: Mrs Twit has the Shrinks**

[Click here to listen to Chapter 9 of The Twits.](#)

Listen to the clip as many times as you need to in order to complete the tasks below.

#### Task 4: Quick Comprehension

Answer the questions below. Write your answers as full sentences (not one-word answers).

1. What did Mr Twit do to Mrs Twit's chair?
2. How do we know that Mrs Twit is frightened in this chapter? (*Think about her actions and how she looks*)
3. What does Mr Twit say is the only cure for the shrinks?



#### Task 6: Improve the Text

Improve the text below by changing the **highlighted** words for their better alternatives (synonyms). You can either change the highlighted words with synonyms from the word bank underneath the text, or if you fancy a challenge you can use an online thesaurus by clicking on the link. Just type the highlighted word into the search bar to be presented with a list of synonyms. You will have to turn one of the words that you find into past tense by adding -ed. Rewrite the text on paper, or on the computer. <https://www.collinsdictionary.com/dictionary/english-thesaurus>

Mrs Twit **looked** down at her feet and by golly the man was **right**. Her feet were not touching the ground. Mr Twit, you see, had been just as **clever** with the chair as he'd been with the walking stick. **Every** night when he had gone downstairs and **stuck** a **little** bit extra onto the stick, he had done the same to the four legs of Mrs Twit's chair.



smart

correct

each

glanced

tiny

glued

#### Save Your Work

If you are using a computer, open a blank document to do your work (you can use Word or Publisher). Don't forget to **SAVE** it with your name, the lesson you are doing and the date.

For example: **T.Smith Maths 8 April** If you would like us to see or mark your work, please email it or send a photo of your completed work to: [dboulton@glebe.bromley.sch.uk](mailto:dboulton@glebe.bromley.sch.uk) Thank you.