

Text: The Twits Roald Dahl

The Twits by Roald Dahl <http://www.stonehome.net.au/4red/TwitsHTML/index.htm> .

Year 3 Reading

(Day 4)

Focus: **Author choice**



thistle



stinging nettles

Read chapter 14: **The House, the Tree and the Monkey Cage**

Check that you know the meaning of these words from the chapter:

didn't occur to them	every Tom, Dick and Harry	thistles	stinging nettles
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Answer these questions in your head:

What does the Twit's home and garden look like?

What objects does the author particularly want you to remember?



Activity:

The author has described the setting because he says wants to start telling you the story now you have a good understanding of the two main characters' nastiness. Draw a detailed picture of the setting (with the cage, thistles, dead tree, etc. in it) and use the author's words to label it.



Steppingstone activity

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Read with an adult, 14: **The House, the Tree and the Monkey Cage**



Talk and think about what happened.

Think about what could happen next.

Think about what their house and garden look like.



Task:

1. Draw a picture of The Twit's house and garden.
2. Put in the house, plants, dead tree and the monkey cage.
3. Label the things in your picture.

The House, the Tree and the Monkey Cage

But that's enough of that. We can't go on forever watching these two disgusting people doing disgusting things to each other. We must get ahead with the story.

Here is a picture of Mr and Mrs Twit's house and garden. Some house! It looks like a prison. And not a window anywhere.



'Who wants windows?' Mr Twit had said when they were building it. 'Who wants every Tom, Dick and Harry peeping in to see what you're doing?' It didn't occur to Mr Twit that windows were meant mainly for looking out of, not for looking into.



And what do you think of that ghastly garden? Mrs Twit was the gardener. She was very good at growing thistles and stinging-nettles. 'I always grow plenty of spiky thistles and plenty of stinging-nettles,' she used to say. 'They keep out nasty nose-y little children.'

Near the house you can see Mr Twit's work-shed.

To one side there is The Big Dead Tree. It never has any leaves on it because it's dead.

And not far from the tree, you can see the monkey cage. There are four monkeys in it. They belong to Mr Twit. You will hear about them later.

