

Text: The Twits Roald Dahl

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

Year 3 Reading

(Day 3)

Focus: **Summarise ideas from several paragraphs**



Read chapter 25: **The Furniture Goes Up**

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

dollop	hoisting	sideboard	ashtrays
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Writers chunk their information according to meaning. Several sentences about one thing make a paragraph. Several paragraphs about one thing make a chapter. It makes the information or story easier to understand and remember.

Activity:

Read this chapter again.

Think carefully about how the information in the story has been organised. Write a bullet point list **or** short sentence to sum up the main ideas contained in this chapter.

Example

(This is an example for a different chapter)

Summary of chapter 23: **The Great Glue Painting Begins**

Sentence: The creatures go in the living room to smear glue on the ceiling in preparation for finally beating the Twits.

Bullet-point list

- The creatures all sneak into the Twit’s house.
- Muggle-Wump organises everyone to smear glue on the ceiling.
- They all worked hard to finish quickly before Twits come back with guns.

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Steppingstone activity



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Focus: Explain words

Read with an adult chapter 25; **The Furniture Goes Up**



Talk and think about what happened.

Think about what could happen next.



Task:

1. Draw the picture from the story.
2. Write one sentence to explain what happened.



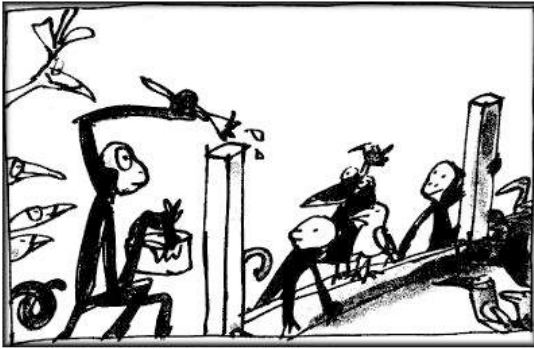
The Furniture Goes Up

'Now the table, the big table!' shouted Muggle-Wump. 'Turn the table upside down and put a dollop of sticky glue on to the bottom of each leg. Then we shall stick that on to the ceiling as well!'

Hoisting the huge table upside down on to the ceiling was not an easy job, but they managed it in the end.

'Will it stay there?' they cried. 'Is the glue strong enough to hold it up?'

'It's the strongest glue in the world!' Muggle-Wump replied. 'It's the special bird-catching bird-killing glue for smearing on trees!'

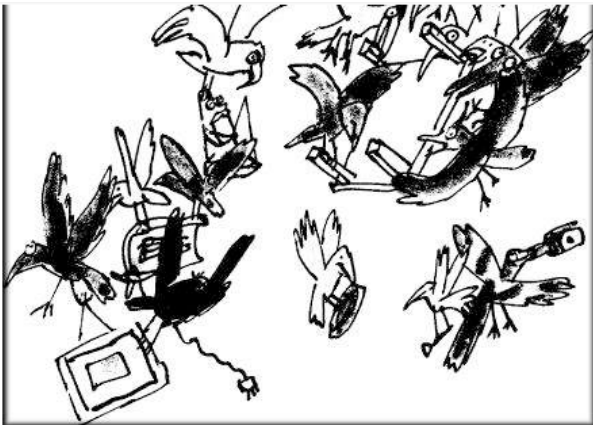


'Please,' said the Roly-Poly Bird. 'I have asked you before not to mention that subject. How would *you* like it if it was Monkey Pie they made every Wednesday and all your friends had been boiled up and I went on talking about it?'

'I do beg your pardon,' said Muggle-Wump. 'I'm so excited I hardly know what I'm saying. Now the chairs! Do the same with the chairs! All the chairs must be stuck upside down to the ceiling! And in their right places! Oh, do hurry up, everybody! Any moment now, those two filthy freaks are going to come rushing in with their guns!'



The monkeys, with the birds helping them, put glue on the bottom of each chair leg and hoisted them up to the ceiling.



‘Now the smaller tables!’ shouted Muggle-Wump. ‘And the big sofa! And the sideboard! And the lamps! And all the tiny little things! The ashtrays! The ornaments! And that beastly plastic gnome on the sideboard! Everything, absolutely everything must be stuck to the ceiling!’

It was terribly hard work. It was especially difficult to stick everything on to the ceiling in exactly its right place. But they got it done in the end.

‘What now?’ asked the Roly-Poly Bird. He was out of breath and so tired he could hardly flap his wings.

‘Now the pictures!’ cried Muggle-Wump. ‘Turn all the pictures upside down! And will one of you birds please fly out on to the road and watch to see when those frumptious freaks are coming back.’

‘I’ll go,’ said the Roly-Poly Bird. ‘I’ll sit on the telephone wires and keep guard. It’ll give me a rest.’

