

PRACTICE DICTATION 2

Taken from Matilda by Roald Dahl

Matilda's brother Michael was a perfectly normal boy, but the sister, as I said, was something to make your eyes pop. By the age of one and a half her speech was perfect and she knew as many words as most grown-ups. The parents, instead of applauding her, called her a noisy chatterbox and told her sharply that small girls should be seen and not heard. By the time she was three, Matilda had taught herself to read by studying newspapers and magazines that lay around the house.

mætɪldəz brʌðər maɪkəl wəz ə pɜːfɪktli nɔːməl bɔɪ | bət ðə sɪstə | əz aɪ
sed | wəz 'sʌmθɪŋ tə meɪk jər aɪz pɒp | bʌɪ ði eɪdʒ əv wʌn ən(d) ə
hɑːf hə spiːtʃ wəz pɜːfɪkt ən 'ʃi njuː əz ,meni wɜːdz əz mæʊst grəʊn
ʌps | ðə peərənts | ɪnstəd əv əplɔːdɪŋ hə | kɔːld hər ə 'nɔɪzi tʃætəbɒks
ən təʊld hə ʃɑːpli ðæt smɔːl gɜːlz ʃəd bi 'siːn ənd nɒt hɜːd | 'bʌɪ ðə
'taɪm 'ʃi wəz θriː | mætɪldə həd tɔːt həself tə riːd 'bʌɪ 'stʌdɪŋ
'njuːspɛɪpəz ənd ,mægəzɪnz ðæt 'leɪ ə'raʊnd ðə 'haʊs |