

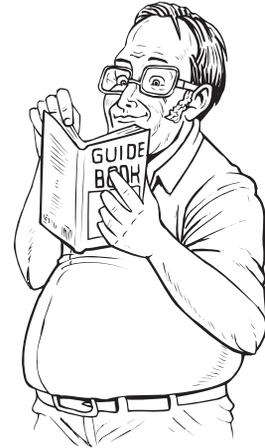
The Expert

Read the biography.

A group of 11 people are standing centre stage. All are talking quietly, except for one man, Mr Dingles, who is reading a book. A tour guide walks up to them.

Tour Guide : Hello and welcome to this tour of the Castle's Chocolate Factory.

Mr Dingles : *(pushing to the front and waving the book)* Excuse me, Miss. Reg Dingles is my name. According to my trusty tourist guide, there should be a maximum of 10 people on this tour, but I've counted 11.



Tour Guide : That's okay sir, one extra person won't matter.

(She smiles, but Mr Dingles wags his finger at her and shakes his head. The tour guide's smile starts to tighten. She motions the group forward a few paces.)

Tour Guide : *(pointing to her right)* Here we are at the wrapping room. Every chocolate we make is wrapped in here.

Mr Dingles : *(referring to his book)* That's not strictly correct. Castle's Easter eggs are made in your factory in Pine River.

Tour Guide : *(gritting her teeth)* On to another topic ... Does anyone know what our most popular chocolate is?

(Several people in the group put up their hands, but Mr Dingles ignores them.)

Mr Dingles : That would be the Castle's chocolate cat.

(The people who had their hands up glare at him. Mr Dingles doesn't seem to notice. He goes back to reading his book.)

Tour Guide : Alfred Castle was only 25 when he established this factory ...

Mr Dingles : *(with his nose in the book)* 25 and a half to be exact.

Tour Guide : He became a millionaire ...

Mr Dingles : *(still looking at his book)* Billionaire, actually.

(The whole group are now staring at Mr Dingles with open dislike. The tour guide pauses and then points to a door to her left.)

Tour Guide : To my left, ladies and gentlemen, are our mixing rooms.

Mr Dingles : Not according to the floor plan in my book.

Tour Guide : Really, sir?

Mr Dingles : Yes. *(He opens the door and walks in.)* You see, this used to be the mixing area but as of five years ago, it became a toilet block.

Tour Guide : You're absolutely correct. *(She shuts the door and locks it.)*

Mr Dingles : *(in a muffled voice)* Hey, let me out!

Tour Guide : Before we move on, I'll just do a quick head count. *(She mimes counting the group.)* 10. That must be correct. That's the maximum number allowed in a group. *(She smiles.)*

(The group smile back and follow her offstage. Mr Dingle's cries fade out.)

1 Literal

Scanning for specific information

(a) Where is Mr Dingles getting his facts from? [1]

(b) Write two ways the people in the tour group look at Mr Dingles. [2]

(i) _____

(ii) _____

2 Inferential

- (a) Why do the tour group smile at the end of the play? [2]

Making inferences

- (b) List three words to describe Mr Dingles' character. [3]

Making inferences

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- (c) Draw how the tour guide's face might look as she says each of these lines.

- (i) 'Hello and welcome to this tour of the Castle's chocolate factory.' [3]

Using prior knowledge

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- (ii) 'He became a millionaire ...' [3]

Using prior knowledge

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3 Applied



[6]

Using prior knowledge
Making predictions

(a) Imagine you are the tour guide. Think of three reasons why you locked Mr Dingles in the toilet.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

(b) Now imagine you are Mr Dingles. Think of three reasons why you did not deserve to be locked in the toilet.

(i) _____

(ii) _____

(iii) _____

Try this

- 1 Complete the table below using information from the play. Write your answers in point form. [10]

Analysing organisational patterns in a text
Scanning for specific information



Setting

Characters

Two descriptions of each main character's personality

How does the play begin?

What happens in the middle?

What happens at the end?

Answers:

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1. (a) He is getting it from his tourist guidebook.
(b) (i) They glare at him.
(ii) They stare at him with open dislike.
2. (a) They are glad to be rid of Mr Dingles.
(b) (suggested answers)
conceited, rude, brash
3. (suggested answers)
(a) (i) He would not stop interrupting me.
(ii) I could see that the others in the tour were getting annoyed with him.
(iii) Since he already knew so much about the factory, he did not need to be on the tour.
(b) (i) I paid to join the tour so I should be allowed to complete the tour.
(ii) The tour guide was giving everyone the wrong information so I was just correcting her.
(iii) I wanted the tour guide to know that I was not ignorant so she would be on her toes during the tour.

Try this (suggested answers)

1. Setting: Castle's Chocolate Factory
Characters: Tour guide, Mr Dingles, 10 other members in the tour group
Two descriptions:
Tour guide – friendly towards members of tour group, knowledgeable about factory
Mr Dingles – has no qualms about interrupting tour guide, disrespectful towards tour guide

How does the play begin?
– Mr Dingles questions tour guide about number of members in tour group
– Finds her answer unacceptable

What happens in the middle?
– Mr Dingle corrects most of what tour guide says
– Mr Dingle interrupts tour guide
– Mr Dingle shouts answer to tour guide's question
– Tour group annoyed with Mr Dingle

What happens at the end?
– Tour guide locks Mr Dingle in toilet
– Tour continues
– Everyone pleased
2. I was on a tour of the Castle's Chocolate Factory with ten other people. Our tour guide was friendly and knowledgeable. It would have been a wonderful tour except that there was an annoying man in the group. He had his nose buried in a guidebook and constantly interrupted the tour guide to correct her. He even shouted out the answer to the tour guide's question. Eventually, the tour guide tricked him and locked him in the toilet. The rest of the tour was more enjoyable without the man.