The children’s writer Roald Dahl deliberately creates names which help us to understand a character’s personality.

For example, in *Matilda* Dahl creates a character called Miss Trunchbull. What do you think her name might reveal about her personality? Add to this word map to identify what you think she might be like:

*the sound ‘trunch’ is harsh and violent - like ‘crunch’ or truncheon*

How many more of Dahl’s characters can you think of and what does their name reveal about them?

What do you think these character’s names reveal about their personalities?

- Penelope Goldsworth
- Zak Riplash
- Dwayne Dorkweed
- Helga Tuffard
- Nicola Beatbox

**Task:**

Choose one name and write a description of their personality. How old are they? What job do they do? What might they look like, say or do?

**Task:**

Create your own name which would suit the following people:

- a polite young girl who always gets top marks in class
- a strong fire-fighter who has won medal for bravery
- an angry old woman who curses the young children who play outside her house.

Now draw the character and give her a speech bubble with something s/he would say.