

## Matilda Audition Monologues

- An audition consist of a monologue and a song for your character(s).
- Audition monologues and song lyrics must be memorized.
- Use the “Instrumental” track for your song audition.

### Matilda

And so the great day arrived. Everything was arranged by the acrobat’s sister—a frightening woman who use to be an Olympic-class hammer thrower, and who loved nothing better than to scare the children of the town. Suddenly, out came the escapologist. “The most dangerous feat ever know to man will not be performed today,” he said. “We will not risk the life our child.”

### Bruce (classmate)

Okay look, I stole the cake. And honestly I was really, definitely, sort of almost thinking of owning up...maybe? But I was having a lot of trouble with my belly. The Truncuhbull’s cake was so good that I’d scooped it down too quick and now it was beginning to fight back (*belly rumbles*) See?

### Lavender (classmate)

Matilda, do all those brains in your head give you a headache? I mean it’s got to hurt, all squished in there. Well, I’d better hand around just in case they start to squeeze out of your ears. I’m Lavender. And I think it’s probably for the best if we’re best friends.

### Nigel (classmate)

Hide me! Someone poured a whole can of treacle onto Trunchbull’s chair! Someone told her I did it and now she’s after me! They’re saying she’s going to put me in chokey. It’s a cupboard in her office that she throws children into. It’s lined with nails and spikes and bits of broken glass.

### Other classmates:

Amanda, Hortensia, Alice—do Lavender’s monologue

Eric, Tommy—do Bruce or Nigel’s monologues

### Miss Honey

(*talking herself into going into Trunchbull’s office*) Don’t be pathetic, Jenny. Just knock on the door, Jenny (*she knocks and the door opens*) Miss Trunchbull there’s, in, in, in my class there is a little girl called Matilda Wormwood. Headmistress, it is my opinion that this little girl should be placed with the eleven-year-olds. I believe that Matilda Wormwood is an exception to the rules.

### Miss Trunchbull (boys can audition for this role as well as girls)

What is the school motto Miss Honey? It’s Bambinatum est maggatum (*bahm-bi-nah-tum ehst-mahgi-tum*) Children are maggots. In fact, it must have been that Wormwood child who put that stink bomb under my desk this morning. I’ll have her for that. Thank you for suggesting it. There are no exceptions to the rules, Miss Honey! What kind of society would we have without rules and discipline?

***The following monologues can also be used for Big Kids, Parents, Russians or other characters like Sergei, Rudolpho, Michael and Mrs Phelps.***

These characters will be cast in other roles as well:

**Acrobat**

The Burning Woman Hurling Through The Air With Dynamite In Her Hair Over Sharks And Spiky Objects Caught By The Man In The Cage is the most dangerous feat ever known to man. It is our destiny.

**Escapologist**

Have I been so wrapped up in my grief for my wife that I have forgotten the one thing that mattered to us most? I love you so much, I shall spend my life making it up to you. As for your aunt, bullying children is her game, is it? Then let us see what she can do when the wrath of a grown man stands before her!

**Mr Wormwood**

Stupid, nasty, question-asking Russians! They took one look at the mileage on the first car and said that these cars were knackered. I told them the mileage is so high 'cause of a manufacturing mistake. Did they believe me? Of course they didn't believe me. I've got green hair! And what's this? Another flaming book? What's wrong with the telly?

**Mrs Wormwood**

We've tried to get her to stop reading, but she won't. You see, I'm not in favor of girls getting all clever pants, Miss Hussey. Looks are more important than books. Now, look at you, and look at me. You chose books, I chose looks. Good Day.

**Sergei**

The Wormwood is a stupid man. And he assumed I was stupid too. And that is very, very, stupid. You, little girl, you seem smart. Sadly, in my line of work I don't often get to meet smart people like you. Most of the people I deal with, their thinking is all backwards.