

Fantastic Mr Fox by Roald Dahl

Boggis was a chicken farmer. He kept thousands of chickens. He was enormously fat. This was because he ate three boiled chickens smothered with dumplings every day for breakfast, lunch and supper.

Bunce was a duck-and-geese farmer. He kept thousands of ducks and geese. He was a kind of pot-bellied dwarf. He was so short his chin would have been underwater in the shallow end of any swimming-pool in the world. His food was doughnuts and goose-livers. He mashed the livers into a disgusting paste and then stuffed the paste into the doughnuts. This diet gave him a tummy ache and a beastly temper.

Bean was a turkey-and-apple farmer. He kept thousands of turkeys in an orchard full of apple trees. He never ate any food at all. Instead, he drank gallons of strong cider which he made from the apples in his orchard. He was as thin as a pencil and the cleverest of them all.



1 Why was Boggis so fat?

2b

1 mark

2 Why do you think Bunce always had a “*beastly temper*” (paragraph 2)?

2d

1 mark

3 Which word tells you that mashed liver paté is unpleasant?

2a

1 mark

4 What does “thin as a pencil” (paragraph 3) tell you about Bean? Choose **two**.

He is thin.

He is tall.

He is mean.

He stands up straight.

2a

1 mark

5 Choose the best summary of the information about Bunce.

Bunce was short and fat. He had a bad temper because he ate too many jam doughnuts.

Bunce was a duck and goose farmer who ate doughnuts filled with goose liver. This diet meant he was both fat and bad-tempered.

Bunce kept his ducks and geese in a swimming pool. He fed them with doughnuts. He always had a tummy ache because he was bad-tempered.

Bunce had a bad temper, so he killed his geese and ate them stuffed into doughnuts. He was very short and fat.

2c

1 mark

6 Why do you think the author organised this text into three paragraphs rather than one long paragraph?

2f

1 mark