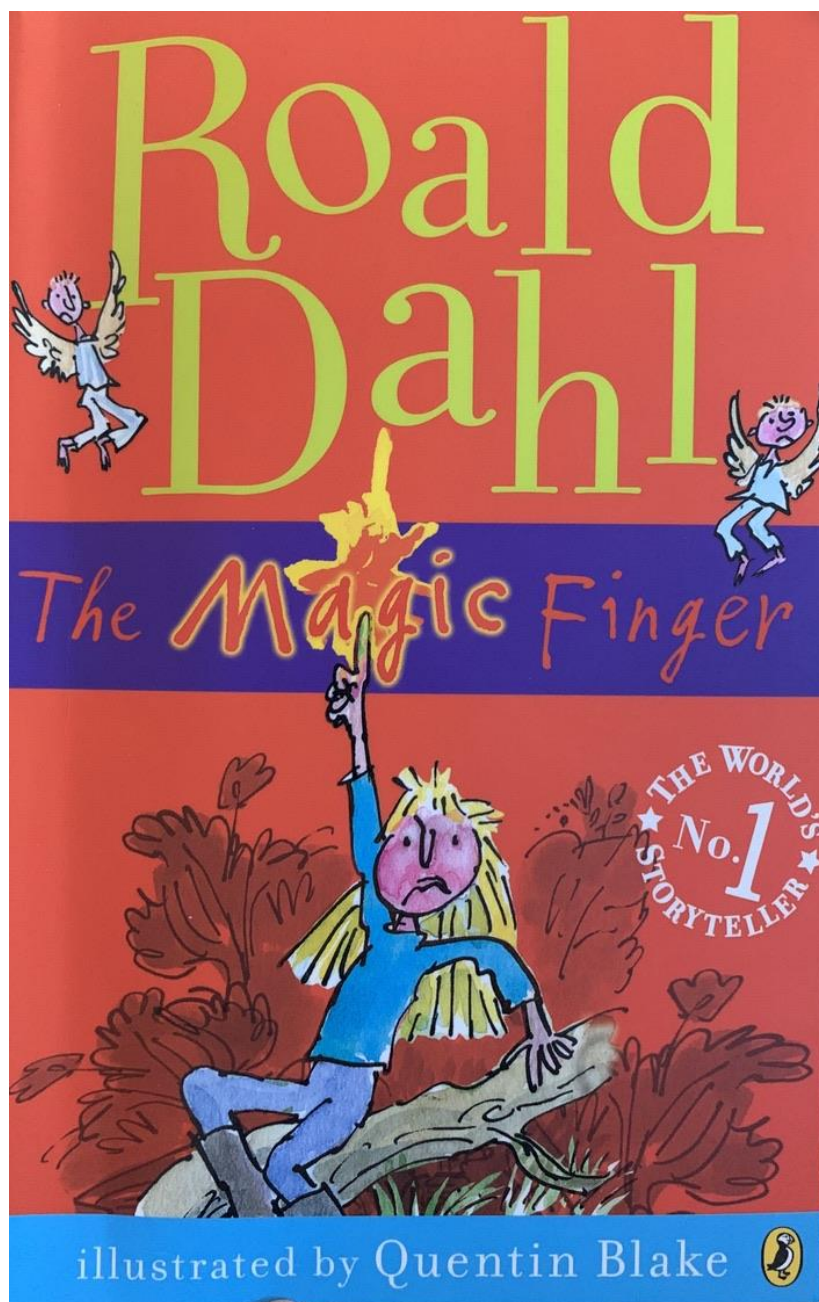


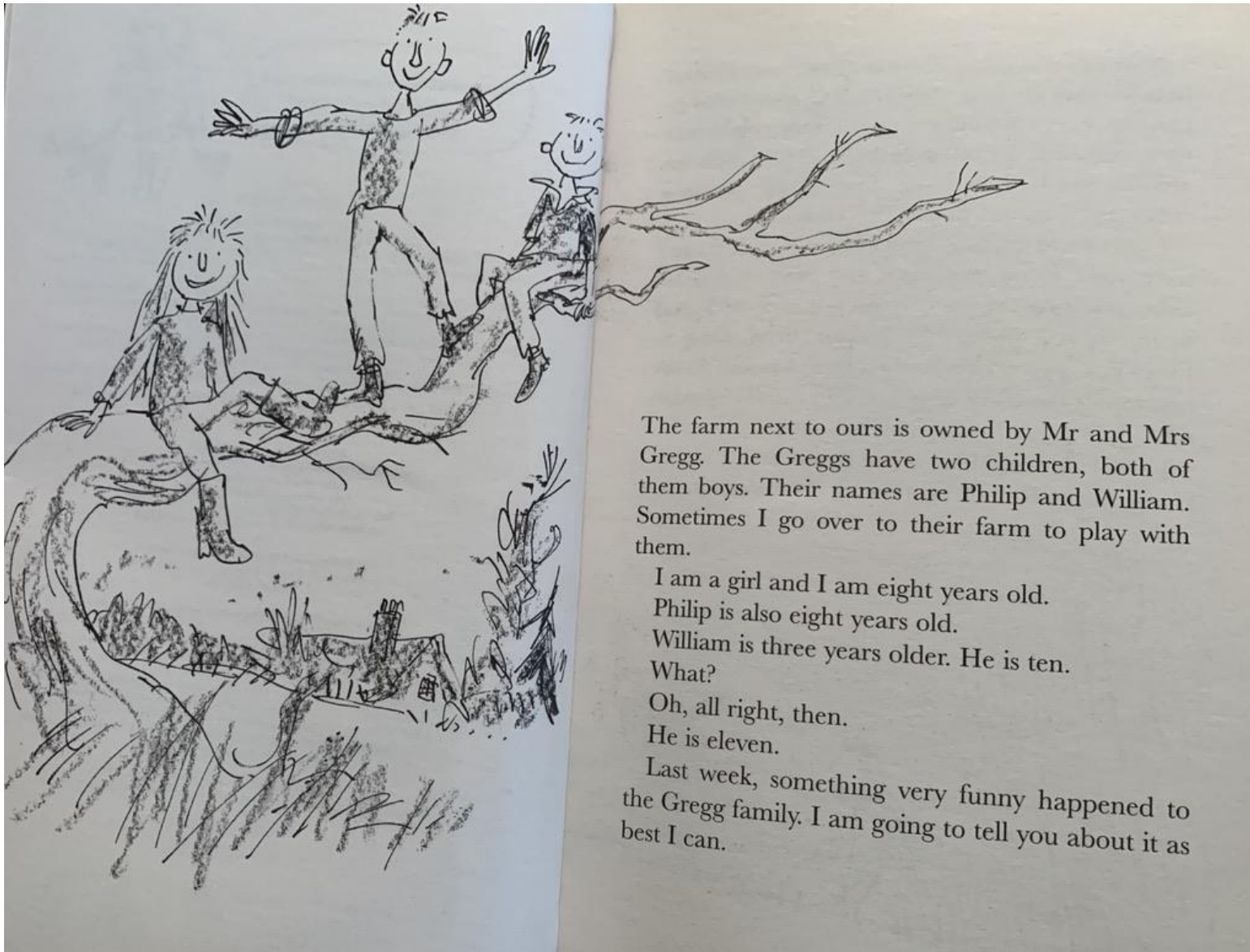
L.I. To read aloud.

L.I. To discuss and debate a topic



This is our new class book: 'The Magic Finger' by Roald Dahl. Can you think of any other books written by Roald Dahl? We have read a couple already this year, haven't we?

These are photographs of the first two pages of the book. Can you read it independently? Have a go and then share them with an adult.



Now the one thing that Mr Gregg and his two boys loved to do more than anything else was to go hunting. Every Saturday morning they would take their guns and go off into the woods to look for animals and birds to shoot. Even Philip, who was only eight years old, had a gun of his own.

I can't stand hunting. I just can't *stand* it. It doesn't seem right to me that men and boys should kill animals just for the fun they get out of it. So I used to try to stop Philip and William from doing it. Every time I went over to their farm I would do my best to talk them out of it, but they only laughed at me.

I even said something about it once to Mr Gregg, but he just walked on past me as if I weren't there.

Then, one Saturday morning, I saw Philip and William coming out of the woods with their father, and they were carrying a lovely young deer. This made me so cross that I started shouting at them.



Did these pages answer any of the questions that you had about Girl?

This book is written in the first person – that means it is someone telling the story using 'I'. Who is telling this story?

The girl is not happy that her neighbours are going hunting. Have a look at this webpage to find out a little bit about fox hunting:

http://news.bbc.co.uk/cbbcnews/hi/find_out/guides/animals/fox_hunting/newsid_1718000/1718026.stm

Can you make a list of reasons 'for' and 'against' fox hunting?

What is your opinion? Why? Can you present your opinion to someone in your family? Or perhaps make a poster about it?