Larger than life

Roald Dahl uses figurative expressions to enliven and strengthen description of his characters.

• Find similes or metaphors that he uses and write them between quotation marks. The first one has been done for you. The ellipsis [...] shows that some less important words have been left out of the quotation.

Chapter title	What the author describes	The figurative expression used in the book
The Reader of Books	Showing how Matilda is amazing	'But the sister was something to make your eyes pop.'
Mr Wormwood, the Great Car Dealer	Showing how Mrs Wormwood's gaze never left the TV screen	
The Hat and the Superglue	Showing what the tufts of hair on Mr Wormwood's forehead looked like	
Arithmetic	Showing how people were very keen to buy	
The Parents	Showing that Matilda is reading with deep concentration	
The Parents	Meaning 'very quickly'	

• Quote another figurative expression and explain what it means.

Chapter title	Quotation	What it means