

# How to insult like Miss Trunchbull

‘You ignorant little slug!’ The Trunchbull bellowed. ‘You witless weed!  
You empty-headed hamster! You stupid glob of glue!’ —Matilda

Miss Trunchbull likes nothing better than to insult her pupils, and she uses  
some clever techniques to make her insults even more effective.  
Have a go at creating some of your own below.

## Trunchbull Technique No.1: Compare to slimy things

You ignorant little slug!

You festering gumboil!

You fleabitten fungus!

This poisonous pustule!

Here are some other things  
that make **slimacious** insults:  
**snozzcumber**, **mucus**, **gloop**,  
**frogspawn**

What other slimy things can  
you think of?

## Trunchbull Technique No.2: Use alliteration

Alliteration is when you use  
the same **L**ovely **L**etter **L**ots of  
times. Miss Trunchbull says:

You stupid glob of glue!

You clotted carbuncle!

You witless weed!

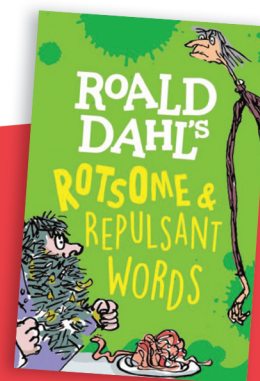
You empty-headed hamster!

What amazingly alliterative  
insults can you think of? Use  
your slimy words to help you!

## Trunchbull Technique No.3: BELLOW!

There is no point in coming up  
with a **rotsomely** good insult  
if no one can hear it. Think of  
what you are going to say.  
Then take a **gigantuous**  
breath, and ...

**BELLOW!**



Find lots more **lickswishy**  
**language** and **ridiculously**  
**revolting** fun in Roald Dahl's  
*Rotsome and Repulsant Words*.

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