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Chapter-- 4. **Main book**

**The Landlady**

Roald Dahl

## **OBJECTIVES**

In this chapter, we will read the story of a teenage boy's stay at an unusual guest house.

learn to write a horror story.

## **READING**

Imagine staying in an unfamiliar house with a strange, mysterious host. How would you feel? What could happen if we are not careful . Read the story of Billy Weaver, who decides to spend a night at an unfamiliar bed and breakfast with a mysterious host.

## **Fact File**

A bed and breakfast, **or** B&B, is a private house **or** a guest house, in which you

pay for a room for the night and for breakfast the following morning. A B&B usually has a host in the house.

**Now the story starts :**

By the time Billy Weaver got to Bath, it was about nine o'clock in the evening, and the moon was coming up out of a clear starry sky. The air was deadly cold, and the wind was like a flat blade of ice on his cheeks.

Excuse me, he said, is there a hotel not too far away from here?

"Try The Bell and Dragon, the porter answered, pointing down the road. un his suitcase and set out to walk briskly down the street.

There was a line of tall identical houses on each side. Even in the darkness, he could see that the paint was peeling from the woodwork on their doors and windows and that the handsome white facades were cracked and blotchy from neglect.

Suddenly, Billy caught sight of a printed notice propped up against the glass. It said BED AND BREAKFAST. He moved a bit closer. Green curtains hung on either side of the window. The yellow chrysanthemums looked wonderful beside them. He peered through the glass into the room and saw a bright fire burning in the hearth. On the carpet in front of the fire, a pretty little dachshund was curled up asleep with its nose tucked into its belly. The room itself was filled with pleasant furniture. There was a baby grand piano, a big sofa and several plump armchairs, and in one corner he spotted a large parrot in a cage. Certainly, it seemed a comfortable place to him.

**Now answer the following questions.**

- 1 At what time Billi Weaver went for a bath?
- 2 Who was looking for a hotel?
- 3 What do you mean by BED AND BREAKFAST
- 4 Write and learn all the new words of the story