



TITLE: You're a bad man, Mr Gum!

AUTHOR: Andy Stanton

INTEREST AGE: 8-12 Years

BOOKBAND: Dark Blue

OUR REVIEW: Eccentric style matches contents & has certain fans. Daft but fun.

Before reading the book, discuss the title.

What kind of character do you think Mr Gum is?

What do you think makes him so bad?

What kind of things do you think he might do?

Read the description of Mr Gum and his house in Chapter 1. Use your imagination to create an image of Mr Gum in your mind.

Draw a picture of Mr Gum in his house.

Label your picture using details you remember from the text.

Discuss the descriptive language used by Andy Stanton.

Read through the text and identify particularly effective adjectives or similes. What effect do these have on the reader?

What do you notice about the kind of language that Andy Stanton has used?

Imagine that Andy Stanton has asked you to write a description of Mr Gum for his first book.

Write a descriptive paragraph about him.

Can you use similes like Andy Stanton to create imagery?

Onomatopoeia is defined as:

“the formation of a word by imitation of a sound made by, or associated with it.

Examples include ‘pow!’, ‘boom!’
‘cuckoo’, ‘sizzle’.

Can you find any examples of onomatopoeia as you read *You're a bad man, Mr Gum!*?

What are these examples describing?

Can you make up your own examples of onomatopoeia?

Take on the role of Mr Gum.

How do you need to act?

What types of things would you say?

Can you answer questions from your friends in role?

Other books in the Mr Gum series include...



Useful website:

<http://www.mrgum.co.uk/>