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 Lovely Letter Lots of times. Miss Trunchbull says:
You stupid glob of glue!
You dotted 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!

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