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Silly and Selfish

Short Answer Key

1. Dahl exaggerates Augustus Gloop's greed by making him so obsessed with food that he falls into the chocolate river and gets stuck in a pipe.
2. Veruca Salt's behavior seems silly because she screams, stomps, and demands things, making her look more like a tantrum-throwing toddler than a smart child.
3. Violet ignores Willy Wonka's warning because she is competitive and wants to be the first person to try the special gum.
4. Mike Teavee's experience teaches that too much screen time can make a person "small" in more ways than one—small in size, imagination, and kindness.
5. Dahl makes serious lessons fun by using humor, silly situations, and exaggerated consequences to teach about bad behavior.

