

THE KING OF ROME

WEEK 11

TASKS FOR THE WEEK

- 1. Listen to a song**
- 2. Remind yourself about speech**
- 3. Make a version of the story**
- 4. Fun – time extra activity**

READ KING OF ROME - OPENING

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In the West End of Derby lives a working man. He says, "I can't fly but me pigeons can." "And when I set them free It's just like part of me Gets lifted up on shining wings."

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by Dave Sudbury



The King of Rome – in Derby museum.

READ KING OF ROME - OPENING

Where does the story start?

When is it set?

What can you say about Charlie Hudson?

What do you think might happen?



The King of Rome – in Derby museum.

LISTEN TO A SONG

Listen to the song. Read the lyrics as you do (next slide)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asbcMaegOT4>

KING OF ROME BY DAVE SUDBURY – LYRICS

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Gets lifted up on shining wings"

Charlie Hudson's pigeon loft was down the yard
Of a rented house in Brook Street where life was hard
But Charlie had a dream
And in 1913 Charlie bred a pigeon to make his dream come
true.

There was gonna be a champions' race from
Italy

We got out the maps, all that land and sea

"Charlie, you'll lose that bird"

But Charlie never heard

He put it in a basket and sent it off to Rome

On the day o' the big race a storm blew in
A thousand birds were swept away and never
seen again

"Charlie we told you so Surely by now you
know

When you're living in the West End there ain't
many dreams come true"



"Yeah, I know, but I had to try
A man can crawl around or he can learn to fly
And if you live 'round here
The ground seems awful near
Sometimes I need a lift from victory"

I was off with me mates for a pint or two
When I saw a wing flash up in the blue
"Charlie, it's the King of Rome
Come back to his West End home
Come outside quick, he's perched up on your
roof"

"Come on down, your majesty
I knew you'd make it back to me
Come on down, you lovely one
You made me dream come true"

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He says "I can't fly but me pigeons can
And when I set them free
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REMIND YOURSELF ABOUT DIRECT SPEECH

Use the PowerPoint on direct speech or, if this is not possible, remind yourself using the Revision Card.



REVISION CARDS

Punctuating Speech – capital letters open **direct speech**

Direct speech begins with a capital letter, even if it is in the middle of a sentence.

Tom questioned, "All the way from Rome?"

Charlie answered, "It's a long way but he can do it."

It is the beginning of the speaker's sentence so a capital letter is used.



REVISION CARDS

Punctuating Speech – a new line shows a change of speaker



"All the way to Rome?" asked the guard.

"That's right," answered Charlie.

"You know that's a long way?" teased the guard.

Charlie laughed, "It's an adventure!"

We show each
change of speaker by
starting a new line.

This makes it clear
when the speaker
changes.

REVISION CARDS

Punctuating Speech – commas separate clauses

Direct speech and reporting clauses are usually separated by a comma.

"There's still no sign of him," sighed the boy.

Charlie whispered, "Come back. Please make it."

The comma is placed at the end of the first clause.
The speech marks follow the comma.



REVISION CARDS

Punctuating Speech – exclamations and questions

If the speech ends in a **!** or **?** we do not need a comma after the speech.

"How did he do it?" everyone asked.

"Some kind of magic!" Charlie laughed.

The punctuation is placed inside the speech marks.
The punctuation belongs to the spoken words – they tell
you how to say them.



COMPLETE KING OF ROME - SENTENCES

Add speech marks to these sentences. Add a reporting clause to 5-10.

1. Charlie always said, I can't fly but me pigeons can.
2. When I set them free, he explained, it's just like part of me gets lifted up on shining wings.
3. Charlie, you'll lose that bird, warned his friends when they heard about his plan.
4. When the pigeon didn't return, his friends chorused, Charlie, we told you so!
5. Surely by now you know when you're living in the West End, there ain't many dreams come true.
6. Yeah, I know but I had to try.

COMPLETE KING OF ROME - SENTENCES

7. A man can crawl around or he can learn to fly.
8. And if you live 'round here the ground seems awful near.
9. Charlie, it's the King of Rome. Come outside quick, he's perched up on your roof.
10. Come on down, your majesty I knew you'd make it back to me.
11. Come on down, you lovely one. You made my dream come true...

Speakers:

5. Friends 6. Charlie 7. Charlie 8. Charlie 9. Friends 10. Charlie
11. Charlie

KING OF ROME - SENTENCES - ANSWERS

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3 "Charlie, you'll lose that bird," warned his friends when they heard about his plan.

4 When the pigeon didn't return, his friends chorused, "Charlie, we told you so!"

5 "Surely by now you know when you're living in the West End, there ain't many dreams come true."

6-10 – Check you have speech marks around the speech, a comma after the first clause in the sentence and a reporting clause.

MAKE A VERSION OF THE STORY

Watch the video again.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asbcMaegOT4>

How could you tell the story in six parts?

In your book, draw the boxes from the next slide.

Use words and pictures .You could use speech bubbles.

MAKE A VERSION OF THE STORY

FUN – TIME EXTRA

Watch this version of the song. Which of the two versions do you prefer? Why?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fL3E8FRxiw>

Find out some more about the true story of Charlie Hudson and the King of Rome. You could start with this website:

<http://www.derbyphotos.co.uk/features/kingofrome/>