

What to do today

IMPORTANT Parent or Carer – Read this page with your child and check that you are happy with what they have to do and any weblinks or use of internet.

1. Fill in missing words

- *King of Rome – Cloze.*
- What words could go in the black spaces? Write at least one word for each space.
- Listen to the song to check your answers:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=asbcMaegOT4>

2. Write some sentences

- Use the *Revision Card* to remind yourself about direct speech and reporting clauses.
- Choose five of the *Said Synonyms*. Use them to write sentences with direct speech and reporting clauses.

3. Write a paragraph

- Look at *Illustrations 1-4* from the King of Rome.
- Imagine what the characters could be saying.
- Choose one of the illustrations and write a paragraph to tell this part of the story. Include direct speech in your paragraph.

Well done. Read your paragraph to a grown-up and show them the illustration that you were writing about.

Try these Fun-Time Extras

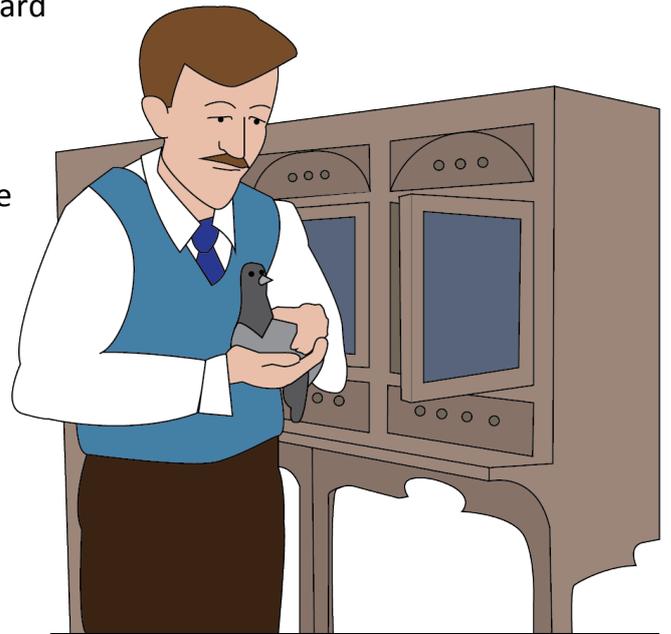
- Look in a reading book and collect other synonyms for said.
- Try to learn to sing the King of Rome. This chord chart might help you:
<https://tabs.ultimate-guitar.com/tab/half-man-half-biscuit/the-king-of-rome-chords-1487346>

King of Rome by Dave Sudbury - Cloze

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

Charlie Hudson's pigeon loft was down the yard
Of a [] house in Brook Street where life was hard
But Charlie had a dream
And in 1913
Charlie bred a pigeon to make his [] 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 [] and sent it off to Rome



On the day o' the big race a storm blew in
A [] 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 [redacted] 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 [redacted] 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 [redacted]

I knew you'd make it back to me

Come on down, you lovely one

You made me dream come true"

In the West End of Derby lives a [redacted] 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"



Revision Card

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.



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.

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.



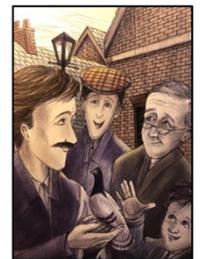
Punctuating Speech – exclamations and questions

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.



Said Synonyms

Anger

Shouted, bellowed, yelled, snapped, cautioned, rebuked.

Affection

Consoled, comforted, reassured, admired, soothed.

Excitement:

Shouted, yelled, babbled, gushed, exclaimed.

Fear:

Whispered, stuttered, stammered, gasped, urged, hissed, babbled, blurted.

Determination:

Declared, insisted, maintained, commanded.

Happiness:

Sighed, murmured, gushed, laughed.

Sadness:

Cried, mumbled, sobbed, sighed, lamented.

Amusement

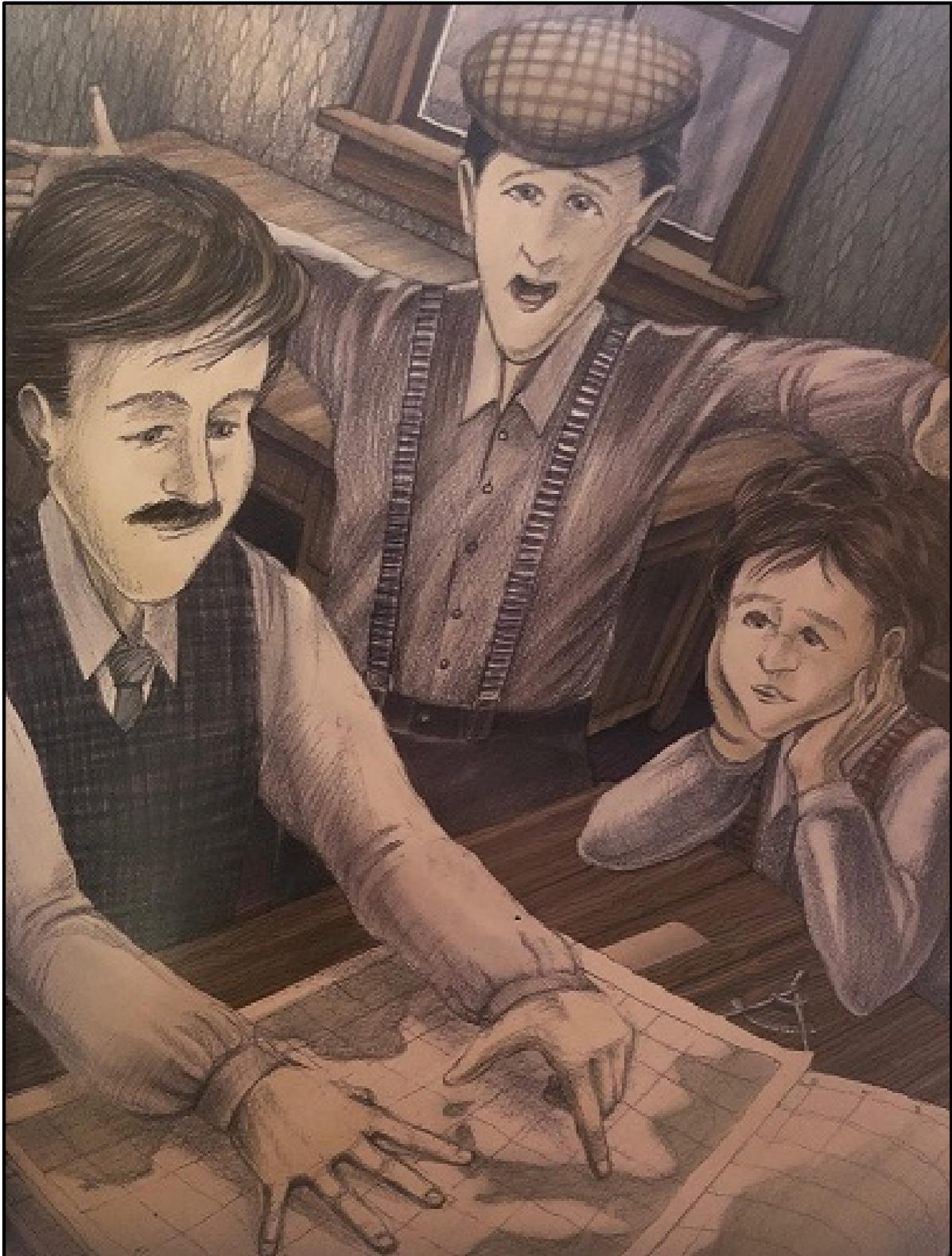
Teased, joked, laughed, chuckled, chortled, sniggered, guffawed, giggled, roared.

Illustration 1



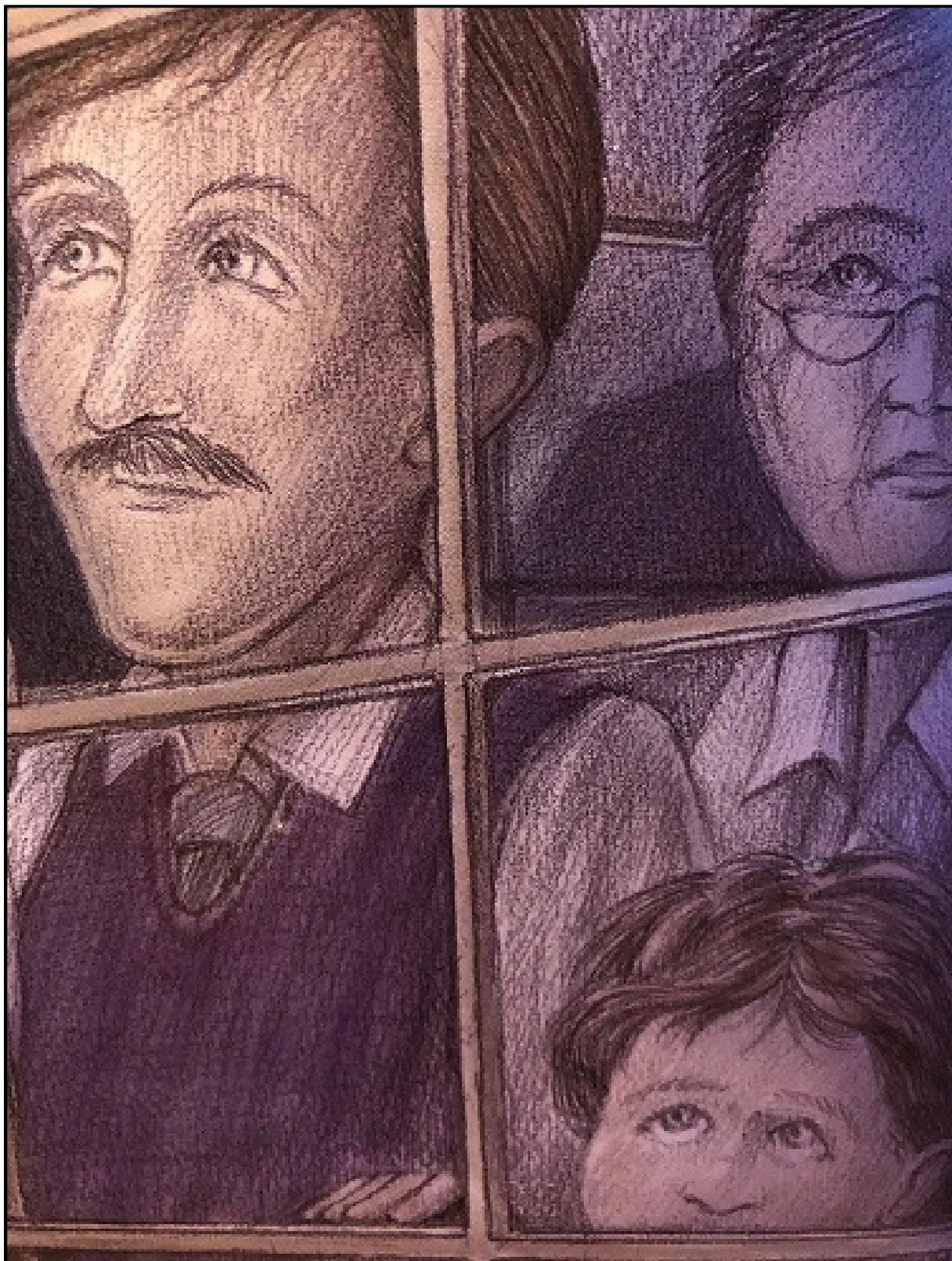
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Illustration 2



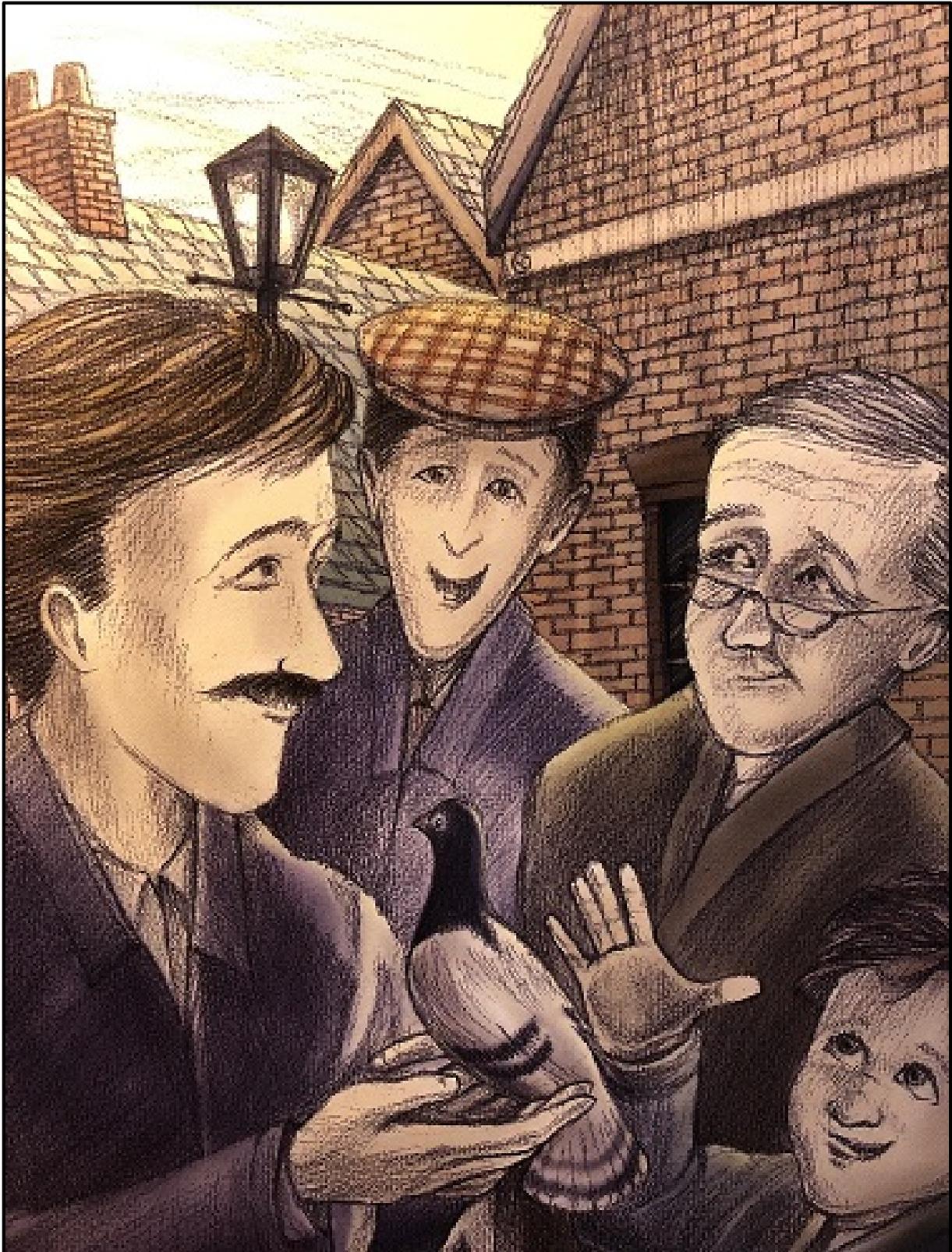
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Illustration 3



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Illustration 4



King of Rome - Paragraph

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