

Year 4 Monday 18th May 2020

Hi everyone,

So, today for English please look at last Friday's lesson: Friday 15th May - it's a reading comprehension on a section of a book called *Charlie Changes into a Chicken*, by Sam Copeland. This is a really funny book about a boy who can change into different animals, your tasks are to think about how the author's word choices make the book funny, and how you could imitate (copy) the author and practise writing in a style like his.

Here is the link:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrcnf4j>

There are two clips to watch of the special guest reading the story, as the BBC asks, try thinking about these questions while you are listening to the first one:

- Do you think Charlie is in pain?
- What do you think he is changing into?

Then these questions while you listen to the second clip:

- What do you think the phrases **a well-known fact** and **a less-known fact** actually mean?
- What does **predicament** mean?
- What does Charlie count?
- Do you think spiders really have **eight bums**?

There are then 3 activities for you to do. You don't have to do all of them, maybe choose just two, or if you really want to challenge yourself, you can have a go at them all. Happy Reading!



Activity 1: Write 8 different phrases or clauses to summarise the plot - try to challenge yourself to only use a maximum of 6 words per phrase/clause.

Activity 2: Find two parts of this extract that you find funny, can you explain in writing how the author's choice of language creates the humour?

Activity 3: Read to the end of the extract, then challenge yourself to write the next paragraph in the style of the author, Sam Copeland, yourself.

Hopefully you'll really enjoy this story and have a lot of fun creating your own funny paragraph! Good luck! 😊