

Questions for Chapter 10

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- Find some words in italics.
- Re-read the sentences they are in. Use the italics to tell you *how* to say them.

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Answers

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- Why does he put certain words in italics?
 - ***To emphasise certain words; to make the reader take more notice of them in the sentence; so we 'lean' on the word when we read it; to show a character shouting***
- Find some words in italics.
 - ***E.g. where; marvellous; some speech***
- Re-read the sentences they are in. Use the italics to tell you *how* to say them.

Roald Dahl chooses his words very carefully and picks words that are powerful and create exciting stories.

- Can you find three powerful words he has used in this chapter that show how he does this?
 - ***E.g. 'murky' – gives us a picture of a very dark and probably dirty, dingy tunnel;***
 - ***'prancing and dancing with joy' – gives us a picture of a very excitable and joyous movement!***

Lots of different punctuation is used in the story.

- Can you find a section where an **exclamation mark (!)** is used and discuss why he has chosen to use one at that point in the story?
 - ***"I've done it!" – it helps us imagine the character shouting or being very excited.***

Mr Fox doesn't return to Mrs Fox even though he has the chickens.
What plan do you think he might be creating next?

- ***Any sensible answers, here, e.g. He might be planning to find more chickens; he might be planning to dig further; he might be planning to find more chicken houses.***