

## King of the Sky – Text and Questions 1

*It rained and rained and rained.*

*Little houses huddled on humpback hills.*

*Chimneys smoked and metal towers clanked.*

*The streets smelled of mutton soup and coal dust  
and no one spoke my language.*

1. Why do you think the writer has repeated the word 'rained'?
2. What alliteration\* do you notice in the second line?
3. What sound do the metal towers make?
4. What smells are there on the street?
5. How do you think the boy feels if no-one speaks his language?

*\*Alliteration: words  
beginning with the same  
sounds*

*All of it told me this is not where you belong.*

6. Can you think of a time when you felt like you did not belong? How did that make you feel?

## **King of the Sky – Text and Questions 2**

Just one thing reminded me of home – of sunlight, fountains and the vanilla smell of ice cream in my granny’s shop. It was Mr Evan’s pigeons in their loft behind my house, cooing as if they strutted in St Peter’s Square in Rome.

7. When the boy thinks of home, what three things does he think about?
8. What one thing reminds him of home?
9. Who do the pigeons belong to?
10. What noise do the pigeons make?
11. What does the word ‘strutted’ mean?