

Ed's Reading Room Word Search

Roodica the Rude and the Chariot Challenge

by Margaret Ryan

C	H	A	R	I	O	T	W	H	Y
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E	F	L	E	A	B	A	G	A	W
W	P	A	N	C	A	K	E	S	Y

Roodica

Copius

Fleabag

Plodette

challenge

harness

market day

chariot

pancakes

prize

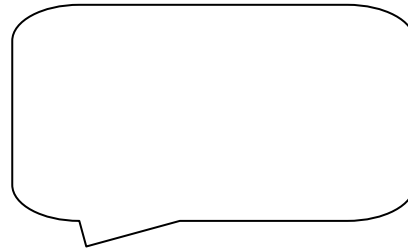
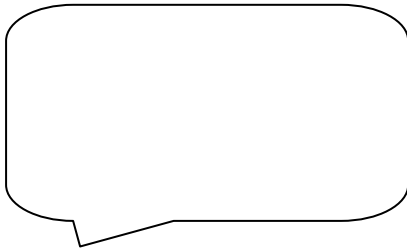
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In the **speech bubbles**, write what you think Roodica said:

- when Copius said that Roodica's chariot was a heap of junk and her horse was a bag of bones
- at the end of the story



Draw the answer to the riddles.

Some people think I am not very good at my job but I try hard. I like oats and carrots.

I am a princess. My sisters say I yell a lot. I like play days, pancakes and chariot races.

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Ed's Poetry

Imagine Princess Roodica was your friend. Complete this poem, rhyming the second and fourth line of each verse. Ed has written the first verse for you.

Princess Roodica

I wish I lived in Roman times,
Roodica would be my friend.
We'd build a smart new chariot
And race it each weekend.

When you have finished your poem you could read it to a friend or learn and recite it.

Ed would enjoy reading your poem. You could email your poem to him.

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Fill in the gaps

Some of the **verbs** have been taken out of this passage from the story. Write the correct verbs in the spaces.

watched **arrived** **shone** **sneaked** **combed**

At last market day _____ . Roodica got up early, collected the harness and _____ out of Maiden Castle to groom Plodette. She _____ her mane and her tail and brushed her flanks till they _____. Plodette took no notice, but Fleabag did. He _____ from a safe distance in case Roodica decided to smarten him up too.

Look at the illustrations in this book. Do an illustration for your favourite part of the story and write a caption for it. Decide whether to do your illustration in black and white or in **colour**.