

**Movie
Night with
the BBFC**

***The King's
Speech***

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Coming together as a family is more important than ever, so why don't you grab some popcorn and a blanket, head to the sofa, and throw a good old fashioned movie night!

This pack will contain everything you need to set up a fun film night. We've included a film suggestion, along with information about the age rating and ratings info. This pack also includes a fun, film-related activity section - and some discussion points at the end, so when the credits roll, you can have a discussion with your kids about what you've all just seen. This pack is for children over the age of 12 but we think it's especially suited to **12 - 14 year olds**.

This pack will set you up to watch *The King's Speech*.

What you'll need:

- Popcorn, or another yummy movie snack, what's your family's favourite?
- A blanket, slipper socks, and PJs! You're at home on your sofa, so you might as well get comfy!
- Turn the lights down low, or even better turn them off completely to get that authentic cinema experience.
- Ask your family to design their own tickets, and hand them over to you at the door. They just need to include the film title, the age rating and ratings info, and the price that you'd like to charge.
- You can also ask your children to draw a poster advertising the film night - including a drawing of the main character, the age rating and ratings info. Don't forget to advertise what time you're going to start your movie night!
- You can stream *The King's Speech* on BBC iPlayer & Amazon Prime.



What do parents need to know?

Here's a round up of everything you need to know before you press play and watch the film with your children. It includes a short synopsis for the film as well as the long ratings info that you can find on our website. This tells you all the category defining moments in the film.

About the age rating:

This film is rated 12 and unlike U and PG, this age rating restricts who can buy or rent home media. 12 films deal with more complicated storylines and difficult ideas that may be too challenging for younger children. 12 ratings are used on video-on-demand films and DVDs. No one under 12 may buy or rent a 12-rated DVD. A 12 rating on a video-on-demand film also means that the content and tone of the film is likely to be more suitable for a child aged 12 or over to watch at home or on a tablet.

Synopsis

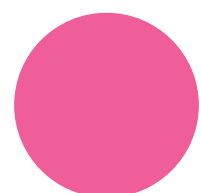
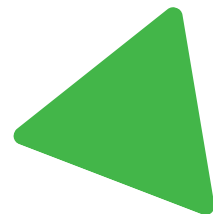
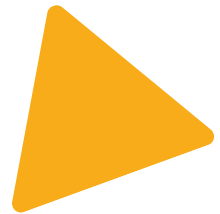
The King's Speech (2010) is a drama in which King George VI employs an Australian speech therapist with unconventional methods to help him overcome a stammer. An extraordinary friendship develops between the two as the King learns how to speak with confidence.

Ratings Info:

Language

There is occasional use of strong language ("f**k"). The uses occur in two isolated outbursts as part of a technique encouraged by a therapist designed to ease the effects of a man's speech impediment.

There are frequent scenes of smoking, partly due to erroneous medical advice relating to the treatment of speech impediments. The smoking is not shown to be glamorous or advisable.



Use this space to draw a propaganda poster rallying moral, or you could also use it to draw a movie poster advertising your film night! Don't forget to use bright colours, and be as creative as you like! We'd love to see your creation, so your parents can take a photo of it and tag the BBFC in it on social media:



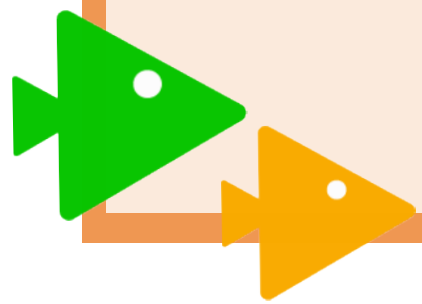
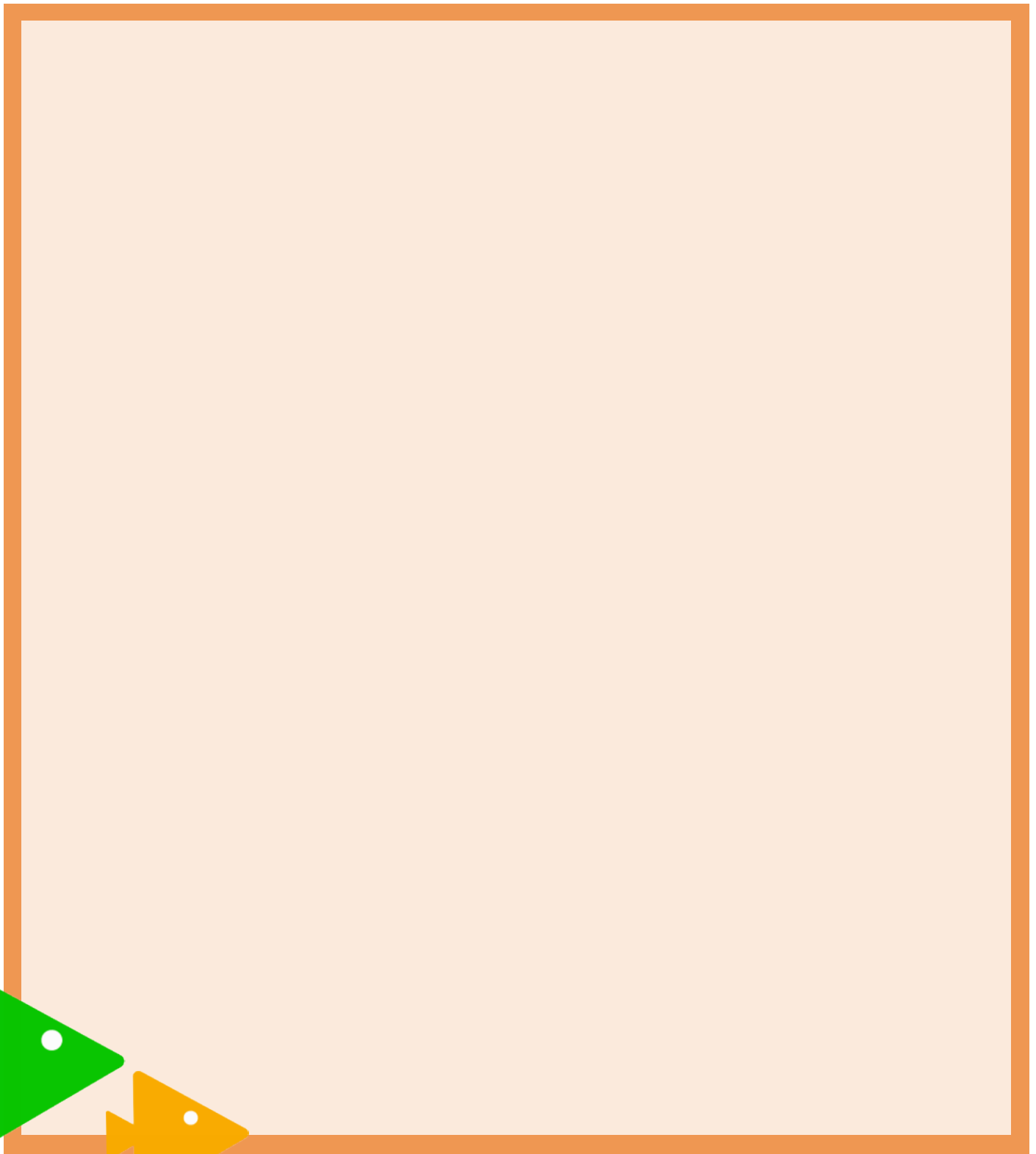
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For the whole family: Now it's time to talk about the film



Did you enjoy the film? How did it make you feel? Were there any bits of the story that you didn't like? Who was your favourite character? Did you learn anything, if so what?



The film was originally classified 15 for the language used in the film but after an appeal by the distributor, reclassified '12A' for "strong language in a speech therapy context'. What role does language play in the film? How important do you think context is when thinking about language?



Do you agree with the BBFC age rating? Would you add or remove anything? Is it helpful to know about what is in a film before you watch it?



How does Prince Albert's speech impediment affect both his royal duties and his personal relationships? How do you think that the way a speech is delivered impacts how an audience receives a message?



In the film, Queen Elizabeth plays an important role in supporting her husband and encouraging him to seek help to overcome his stutter. How important do you think a positive support system is in helping you overcome personal obstacles?



At the start of the film, Bertie is hesitant to take part in speech therapy. Why do you think he is worried about this? How does Lionel help him overcome this? What tactics does he use to build trust between the two?



During the film, Bertie's brother Edward VIII falls in love and abdicates the throne. Do you think he made the right decision? Did you feel sorry for him? What does his story tell you about the pressures of royalty?



Can you think of a time you had to give a speech in public? How did you feel? What did this film teach you about confidence and communication?

