

Flea feast

This task is about using information and making inferences from a text.

Read the poem *Flea Feast* by Valerie Matuku (*School Journal part 3, no. 1, 1999*) and answer the following questions.

a) i) Who are the "victims" the flea talks about in the first verse?

ii) Write down two words from the first verse that give an idea of who the victims are.

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b) When the dog says, "My owner thinks he's won the war", what war is he talking about?

c) In the second verse the dog says, "I'm not scratching any more". Why isn't he scratching any more?

d) What is the most likely reason that the dog had to sleep in the shed?

e) What made the boy decide to let the dog sleep beside his bed?

In the last verse the flea talks about having a "change of diet".

f) i) Who will probably be the flea's new victim?

ii) What happens in the poem that gives an idea of who the flea's new victim will be?

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