

Why possums live in trees

This task is about understanding the language and characters in a play and how to perform the play.

Read the play *Why Possums Live in Trees* by Barbara Beveridge (*School Journal* Part 1, No. 2, 1985). Then answer the questions below.

a) What does Dog do that is kind?

b) What does Possum do that is mean?

c) What clever thing does Possum do?

d) How does Dog show he feels angry at the end of the story?

e) "POSSUM (climbing up the tree): You can't catch me!"

In this part of the play some words have been written in italic letters. What do italic letters tell the reader?

f) If you were making a stage for this puppet play, what two things would you need to draw as part of the scenery?

1.

2.

g) What is one thing the puppets would need to use in this play?
