

Song of the Vagabond Tomato

This task is about making inferences from a poem.

Read the poem *Song of the Vagabond Tomato* by Fiona Farrell (*School Journal, Part 2, No. 4, 1993*) and look at the illustration. Then answer the questions below.

a) What is the meaning of the word "vagabond" from the title of the poem and line 20?

- A brand of tomatoes A careless character A wandering rascal A scruffy character

b) What does the tomato mean when he says, "I feel no remorse?" [line 6]

c) Why do the tomatoes talked about in this poem end up costing only "fifty cents a kilogram"? [line 12]

d) When the tomato says, "No, no!" what is he talking about? [line 13]

e) What word is "'neath" short for? [line 16]

f) What do the dots at the end of line 20 show?