

Examining an illustration

Answer the questions below to explore how the illustration of the poem 'A Hairy Tank' in *Blast Off* enriches and extends the text.

1. List everything you can see in the illustration. Underline items that are actually referred to in the poem.

2. Where do you think this poem is set? Circle the correct answer.

- a. In the African grasslands.
- b. On an Australian farm.
- c. In the Australian bush.
- d. In someone's backyard.

3. What evidence from the illustration and the words of the poem did you use to work out where the poem is set? Were there details in the illustration that were not listed in the poem that helped you? (Use your response to question 1 to help answer this question.)

4. Consider which part of the poem the illustration reflects most: the beginning, the middle or the end. Support your answer using quotations from the text.

5. What is the mood or tone of this illustration? Is it lively and bright? Is it warm and welcoming? Is it quiet and calm? Use your own words to describe the mood.

6. Read the poem carefully and chose a different section to illustrate. Make notes here on the details you'll include in your illustration and the mood and tone you want to convey in your artwork. You may choose to do your own illustration on a separate piece of paper.
