

## **Y5 Priority Therapy**

### **Y5 R4d Can prove or disprove simple statements about a character by finding evidence in a text**

#### **Test 3**

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Marlon turned away, the way he always did whenever the subject of my life span came up. I tried not to mind, I really did. It was such a common reaction. Mum and Dad argued. My Aunt Louise always had to go to the bathroom and everyone else turned away or changed the subject – or both. Except for Nan. But she was always talking about death and dying. She said that at her age it was a topic that interested her! In some ways, it made a refreshing change. It was just a shame she lived over 200 miles away in Bolton. I longed for someone – *anyone* – I could just *talk* to. Someone who would listen while I said all the things that boiled and bubbled deep inside me but which had never been said out loud. But that person didn't exist.

'But from a *pig ...*' Marlon still couldn't get over it. 'Don't you mind? I mean, I know it's a chance for you ... to be healthy and all that, but don't you *mind*?'

'Marlon, if it was the heart of a cockroach, I'd still want it,' I told him straight.

'Yes, but a *pig ...*'

*From 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman*

1. Complete the table below to **prove** or **disprove** the statements about the characters.

	<b>True</b>	<b>False</b>
The narrator feels alone.		
Nan doesn't like talking about death and dying.		
The narrator would rather have the heart of a cockroach than the heart of a pig.		

2. Use the text to prove that Cam's illness makes his family uncomfortable.

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3. Use the text to prove that Marlon is concerned for his friend.

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Qu.	Answer	True	False
<b>1</b>	The narrator feels alone.	✓	
	Nan doesn't like talking about death and dying.		✓
	The narrator would rather have the heart of a cockroach than the heart of a pig.		✓
<b>2</b>	The text says that 'Mum and Dad argued' and 'Aunt Louise always had to go to the bathroom' and other people changed the subject which suggests that they feel uncomfortable.		
<b>3</b>	Marlon keeps repeating the word ' <i>pig</i> ' with emphasis which implies that he feels concerned that Cam might be making a mistake. He asks three repetitive questions in a row which suggests that it's playing on his mind – something that happens when you are concerned.		