

Task

Read this passage adapted from the novel *Love, David* by Dianne Case

During the day, I would play in the field behind our house. I would lie in the grass and pick up all the little insects that I could find and put them in an empty coffee tin. When there was a little breeze blowing, I would lie flat on my back and watch the clouds. They reminded me of people. I could see a mother with her children. There were many women clouds. Every so often they would pause for a little chat.

At times, an aeroplane would come past. I would close my eyes and lie perfectly still. It would be war. The enemy was approaching. At once I jumped up and grabbed a stick. That was my gun. Carefully, I moved through the tall, dry grass until they could no longer see me.

Bang! Bang! Bang! I shot the enemy out of the sky.

I want to be a madam one day. I'll have a real house with electric lights and a bathroom and running water in the house and a beautiful garden outside.

Sometimes, I was lucky enough to be taken for rides in the waentjie although it was really for Baby.

Questions

1. Refer to paragraph 1

1.1 What two things does the child do?(2)

1.2 What does each activity tell you about the child's character? 2 x 2(4)

2. Refer to paragraph 2

2.1 How does the child respond to the passing of an aeroplane?(2)

2.2 What does this game tell you about the child's character?(2)

3. Refer to paragraph 4

3.1 What is the child's ambition?(2)

3.2 What does this paragraph tell you about the child's background?(2)

4. Refer to the whole passage.

4.1 Why is the field an important place for the child?(2)

4.2 Write 2–3 sentences about the child's character, summing up everything you know.(2)

5. How do you think the story might develop from here?(2)

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