

Death of a Naturalist

Using a copy of the poem to help you, match up the description with the correct word or phrase from the poem which are listed in the table.

1. Words associated (to do with) decay (you are looking for three words)
2. Vulgar or unpleasant images (you are looking for two words)
3. Words which suggest aggression or war (you are looking for four words or phrases)
4. Small animals (you are looking for three words)
5. Words to describe the frogs (you are looking for seven words or phrases)

festered	vengeance	bluebottles	rank
mud grenades	loose necks poised	blunt heads	obscene threats
coarse croaking	farting	rotted	dragon flies
angry	hopped		gross-bellied
butterflies	great grey kings	invaded	cow dung

Now go through the poem and either highlight or underline each of the words from the table above and make a brief note as to the effect of the use of each word. For example, what is noticeable about all the descriptions of the frogs? Why have the words to do with war or aggression been included in the poem? Are they, perhaps, all in one part of the poem? Why are they found there and not throughout?