

Study the poem below, the following notes and answer the questions that follow.

THIS TOOTH

(by Lee Bennett Hopkins)



About the poem

The poem is about the poet trying to pull out a tooth that was "wobbly".

I jiggled it
jaggled it
jerked it.
I pushed
and pulled
and poked it.
But--
As soon as I stopped
and left it alone,
This tooth came out
on its very own!

Message(s)

Be independent
Let things happen naturally



Fact!

There are 4 types of teeth; incisors, canine teeth, premolars and molars.

Fill in the blanks with the correct answer.

- (a) The poet was trying to pull out his _____.
- (b) The poem was written by _____.

Write your answers in the spaces provided.

- (c) Match the words that **rhyme** with each other.

jiggled
pushed
alone
jerked

pulled
own
jaggled
poked

- (d) What do you learn from this poem?

From this poem, I learn to _____

- (e) Why do you think humans need teeth?

I think humans need teeth _____
