

Comparing ‘Checking Out Me History’ and ‘Casehistory: Alison (head injury)’

Decide whether the statement applies to ‘Checking Out Me History’ or ‘Casehistory: Alison (head injury)’, or both. Then choose a suitable quotation to support your ideas.

Which poem/s?	Statement	An appropriate quotation or example from the poem/s
	The poet uses non-standard English for effect.	
	Rhythm is very important in this poem.	
	The use of repetition helps to communicate ideas and emotions.	
	The final line of the poem has a powerful impact on the reader.	
	The poem’s tone is one of sadness.	

Which poem/s?	Statement	An appropriate quotation or example from the poem/s
	The concept of 'history' in this poem is of a personal, private history.	
	The first person point of view is a key feature of this poem.	
	Ideas in the poem are reflected in the poet's use of enjambment.	
	The poem makes effective use of figurative language (eg simile or metaphor).	

Extension tasks

- Using a scale of 0-10, from least to most important, assign each statement a score, according to how important the feature is in *each* poem.
- If a statement applies to both poems, combine your answers into a paragraph which compares this feature in each of the two poems.
- In pairs or individually, write five of your own statements, relating to features of *both* poems.