



FZGLISH

**Aim:**

Today we will be completing a reading comprehension activity.

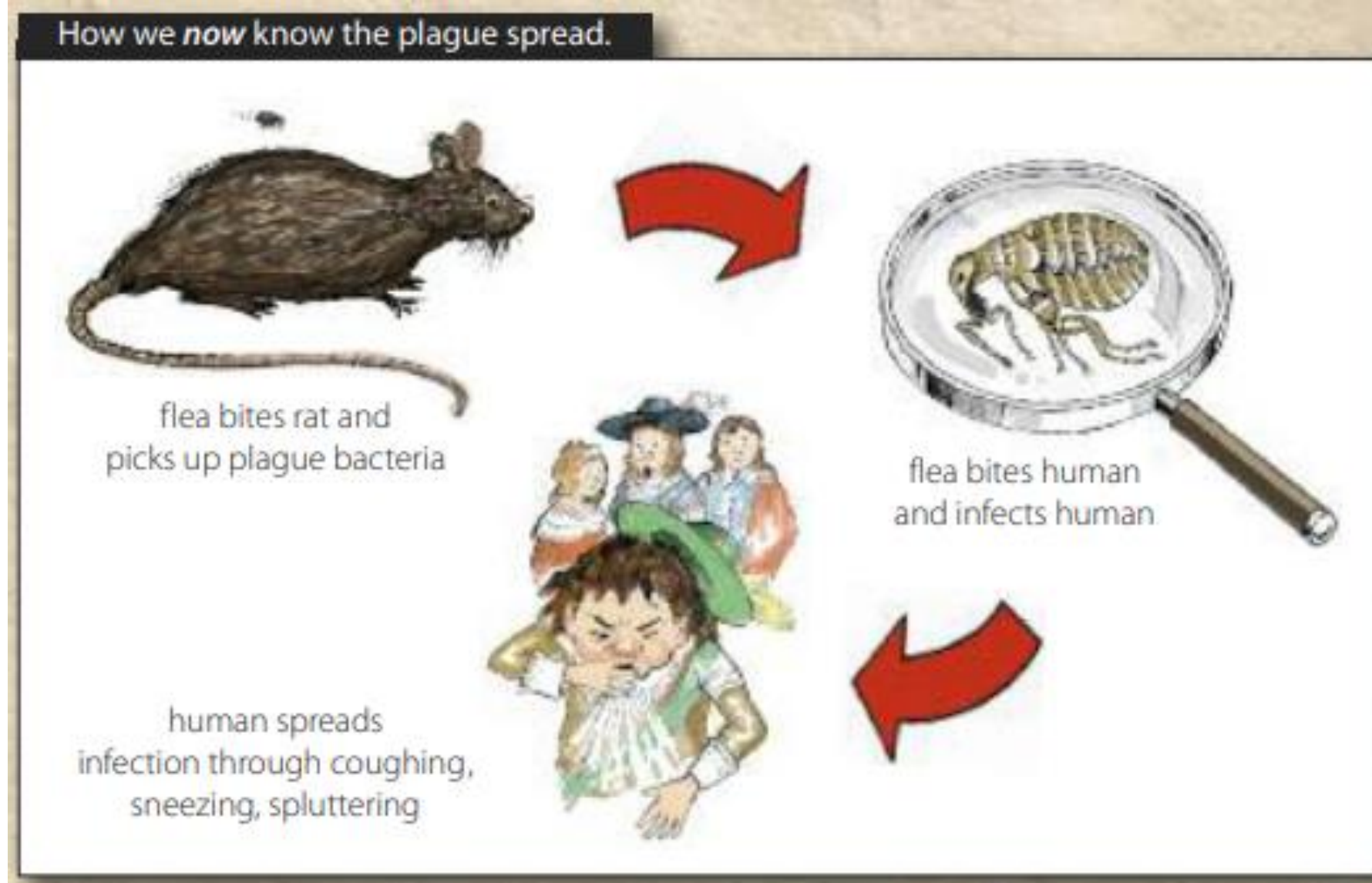
**WALTS:**

I can answer questions about the Black Death.

I can match words to pictures.

I can think of other similar words (synonyms).

# How did humans get the plague?



Rats thrived in the towns and cities, especially in London. The Mayor of London thought that domestic animals were to blame and ordered that all cats and dogs should be destroyed. However, this had the opposite effect. Rat numbers increased without their predators and the fleas spread the plague even further.

What happened when all the cats and dogs were destroyed?

Ring-a-ring o' roses,  
A pocket full of posies  
Atish-oo! Atish-oo!  
We all fall down!

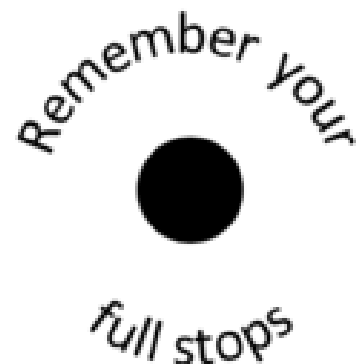
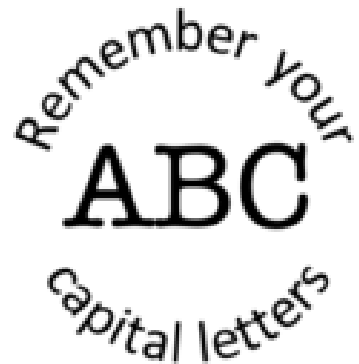
*A pocket full of posies* is believed to be the small bunches of flowers that people used to carry about with them during the plague. They thought that the flowers would keep the disease away. People were told that diseases were caused by 'evil airs' (bad smells) and that having something sweet-smelling around would protect them.

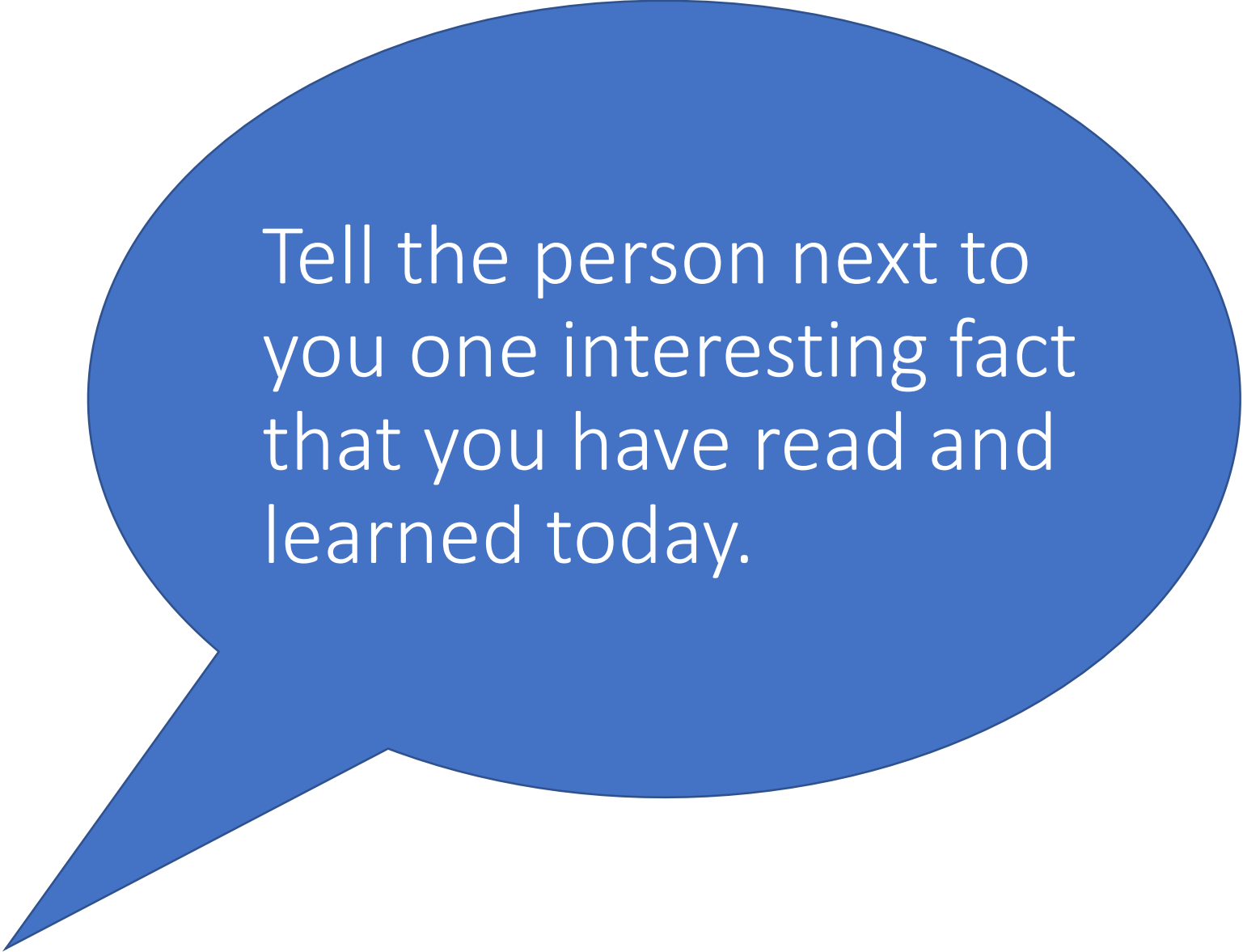
What did people believe that diseases were caused by?

# Now it's your turn!

Have a go at completing the reading comprehension activity.

Write in full sentences.



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Tell the person next to  
you one interesting fact  
that you have read and  
learned today.