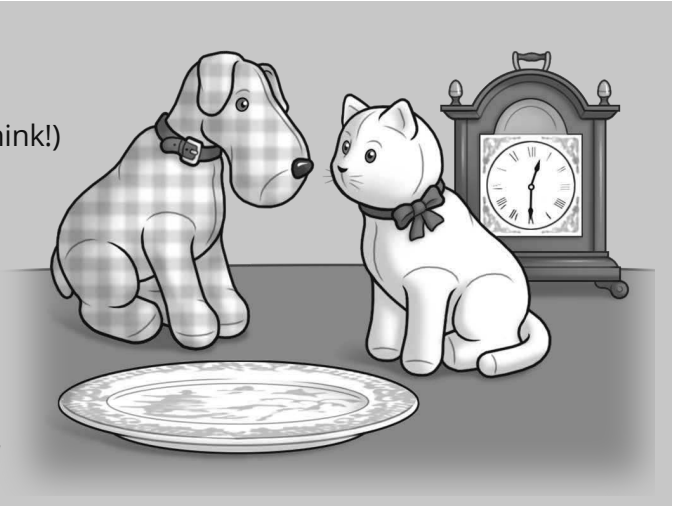


## Inference in poetry

In pairs, read this poem and then complete the table.

The gingham dog and the calico cat  
 Side by side on the table sat;  
 'T was half-past twelve, and (what do you think!)  
 Nor one nor t' other had slept a wink!  
 The old Dutch clock and the Chinese plate  
 Appeared to know as sure as fate  
 There was going to be a terrible spat.  
 (I wasn't there; I simply state  
 What was told to me by the Chinese plate!)

*From 'The Duel' by Eugene Field*



Remember to consider the title in your inference.

What the poem says	What we infer	Reasons and evidence for our inferences
1.		
2.		
3.		

Our inferences with justifications are:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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