

Flea

(Director: Vanessa Caswill, 2014)



Worksheet

- 1 Before watching the short film, match the words below to the ones in the box. Look up the expression in an online dictionary and write down the translation.

loose • stench • offence • eyes

to take _____	
squeeze your _____	
to cut sth _____	
to smell the _____	

- 2 Watch the first 40 seconds two or three times. Describe your first impressions of the character Flea and the way she decides to cope with the rough world.

- 3 Watch the short film in one go.

A After watching, talk to your group about your immediate reactions to the short film. What struck you while viewing?
In what ways does the film differ from other films you have watched?

B In a touch-turn-talk activity, pick a card from the set. Turn it and read the statement or question. Then talk about it and refer to the short film.

4 The role of the pills

Towards the end of the short film we learn that Flea has not taken the drugs herself. You are going to watch some segments of the short film again. Answer the questions by filling in the boxes next to the film still.



timecode: 05:00 minutes

What does Flea learn about the power of the pills?



timecode: 05:50-06:50 minutes

What does Flea observe on the street basketball court and what does she learn?



timecode: 7:50-8:50

What does Flea realize after being knocked to the ground by her stepdad the first time?

gullible: leichtgläubig - invincible: unbesiegbar
batter: etwas zertrümmern/prügeln - mettle: Mut



timecode: 9:50-10:30

Describe how Flea prepares for her final "battle" with her step dad?

Describe Flea's relationship to her mum.

What do we learn about her little sister?

Why do the police appear in their apartment?

Why does Flea cut the razor?

How does Flea behave at home?

"Information ain't power. It's knowin' how to use it." Explain in the context of the short film.

Why do the police leave without doing anything the first time?

Why do the police appear a second time?

Describe the street life as seen in the short film.

Why does the girl punch the boy?

What is the mother's reaction to the father's arrest?

What are Flea's mum's excuses for her black eye?

What is your impression of the girl gang?

What does Flea's mother ask her to do after her dad has knocked her to the ground.