Street Child by Berlie Doherty: Reading Comprehension Questions

Chapters 24 and 25

1. What did Jim search for to help make Shrimps more comfortable?
2. Read the top of page 173. What phrase tells us that Shrimps was not very hungry?
3. What disease did Jim think Shrimps might have and why?
4. Why do you think Shrimps is so afraid to go to the hospital?
5. What did Jim promise Shrimps?
6. Read the end of page 174 and the beginning of page 175. When Shrimps went back to sleep what did Jim tell him?
7. What meal did Shrimps describe as a feast?
8. At the top of page 176, what is Shrimps afraid of and what did he ask Jim to do?
9. What season was upon them?
10. At the bottom of page 177, what does ‘swarmed’ mean?
11. Why did the woman with the coffee-cart give Jim a mug of coffee?
12. On page 180, do you think the woman with the coffee-cart is right to not leave her stall to help Shrimps? Use evidence from the text to support your opinion.
13. Explain what ‘coax’ means on page 180.
14. “He reached out and felt for the boy’s hand. It was cold.” What has happened to Shrimps?