

First they came... is a [poem](#) attributed to Pastor [Martin Niemöller](#) (1892–1984) about the inactivity of German intellectuals following the [Nazi](#) rise to power and the purging of their chosen targets, group after group.

Translation

When the Nazis came for the [communists](#),
I remained silent;
I was not a communist.

When they locked up the [social democrats](#),
I remained silent;
I was not a social democrat.

When they came for the [trade unionists](#),
I did not speak out;
I was not a trade unionist.

When they came for me,
there was no one left to speak out.

1. Can you infer the meaning of “speak out” from the text?
2. Qual é a relação semântica entre o terceiro verso e os dois primeiros em cada estrofe: causa, consequência, comparação ou contraste?
3. Qual a relação semântica da última estrofe com as demais: causa, consequência, comparação ou contraste?

GABARITO

- 1) Expressar opinião
- 2) Causa.
- 3) Conseqüência.