**LA CHINCHE BESUONA**

**T. cruzi Human Stages**

Chagas disease

1. When a person scratches, my tiny friend goes inside.

2. He likes to enter the cells to live there and reproduce.

3. After a while it gets too crowded, so they break the cell.

4. Then he goes into the blood to find another home (cell) and everything starts over.

5. When I or any of my friends eat (bite), we take our T. cruzi friends back.

6. Once again we are together! Inside me T. cruzi transforms and reproduces.

7. I eat (bite) too much. My stomach gets so full that I have to poop and some of my T. cruzi leaves.

**Triatomine Bug Stages**

**HOW T. CRUZI GROWS**

Chagas disease is a preventable infection caused by the parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi* and spread by infected insects called triatomine or kissing bugs. The initial infection usually does not cause severe symptoms and is often not even diagnosed. After years of chronic infection, some people develop heart diseases such as abnormal rhythms, heart failure, and risk of sudden death. Chagas disease can also cause gastrointestinal problems, such as severe constipation and difficulty swallowing.

Help Puppy avoid the kissing bug and find its dog house...

Ayuda a Cachorro a esquivar la chinche y encuentra su casa.

Find the places the kissing bug hides and put the right number next to each.

1. Rock Pile / Pila de roca
2. Crawl Space / Foso
3. Under Cement / Bajo el cemento
4. Under Porch / Debajo del porche
5. Dog Bedding / Cama de mascotas
6. Wood Pile / Pila de madera

**DON'T INVITE TRIATOMA TO YOUR HOUSE**

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