

Reading and Writing Level 2

Unit 8

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Complete the paragraph with the correct words from the word bank. You do not need to use all the words.

extremely virus infect symptom related to cover approximately severe epidemic
develop

There is a new, mysterious illness in our town that has affected many people recently. In fact, so many people are sick that officials are concerned it will become a(n) epidemic. There are approximately 200 people in the hospital with the illness. The first symptom of the strange illness is stomach pain. Then, people get headaches and signs of a cold. If people aren't careful, the disease can develop into something more serious. Doctors are not certain of the cause of the illness, but they think it might be a(n) virus. Because it seems so similar, doctors also suspect that the disease is related to the flu. If more people continue to get the disease, this can cause severe problems in our town. Officials are telling people to be extremely careful around others. They advise people to stay home if they can. If you must go out, dress warmly and cover your mouth if you sneeze or cough. Be sure to wash your

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Read the FAQ page. Then read the statements. Select *True* or *False*.

The Common Cold
FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

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More than 200 different viruses cause the common cold.

2. Why is it possible to get many colds during the year?

When you have a cold, you develop immunity to that virus. You won't get it again. But you only develop immunity to one virus. There are hundreds of viruses, so you can get a different cold. A different virus causes each cold.

3. What are the symptoms of a common cold?

The symptoms of a cold include a runny or stuffy nose, a cough, and sometimes a sore throat. You may feel tired, but you will not have extreme fatigue. Symptoms develop slowly over several days.

1. Over 200 different viruses can cause the common cold.

✓ True
 False

2. You can get a cold more than once when it is caused by the same virus.

True
✓ False

3. It is possible to develop an immunity to one virus.

✓ True
 False

4. A sore throat is always a symptom of a cold.

True

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True

✓ False

5. Cold symptoms develop quickly.

True

✓ False

6. Colds aren't usually serious.

✓ True

False

7. People can spread cold viruses by coughing.

✓ True

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False

8. People cannot catch a cold from touching an object with the virus on it.

True

✓ False

9. There is no vaccine against the cold because there are too many viruses.

✓ True

False

10. Eating well and exercising are the only ways to prevent the common cold.

True

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1. Which disease is caused by a virus?

- A cold
- The flu
- ✓ Both a cold and the flu

2. Your symptoms have developed gradually. Which illness do you probably have?

- The flu
- ✓ A cold
- Either the cold or the flu

3. You have a high fever. Which illness do you probably have?

- A cold
- Both a cold and the flu
- ✓ The flu

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4. You had the flu two months ago. Now you are sick again. Which disease do you probably have?

- A cold
- The flu
- Either the cold or the flu

5. Which disease is spread by coughing and sneezing?

- A cold
- Both a cold and the flu
- The flu

6. Which disease can usually be prevented by a vaccine?

- The flu
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7. Which disease is most likely to be dangerous?

- The flu
- A cold
- Both a cold and the flu

8. There is an epidemic. Which disease is probably causing it?

- Either a cold or the flu
- A cold
- The flu

9. Washing your hands can slow the spread of which disease?

- Both the cold and the flu
- A cold
- The flu

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Match each word with the correct definition. You do not need to use all the definitions.

1. to keep people who have a disease away from others	quarantine
2. periods of ten years	decades
3. the plan you use to achieve something	strategy
4. the injection of medicine to protect from disease	vaccination
5. the possibility of something bad happening	risk
6. working with someone to achieve a goal	cooperation
7. find somebody by following information or signs	track
8. do a series of actions to achieve something	take steps

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Choose the correct collocations to complete the sentences.

1. The city has had a large size during the last year.
2. I hope you will realizing your dreams.
3. The city leader would not the question when the reporter asked.
4. Each member of the staff a savings plan.
5. The team invited all of their supporters to the celebration.
6. the request, Janelle returned her books to the library.
7. Most people voted the new system.
8. My wife and I have a lot each other.

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Match the first part of each sentence with the second part to write topic sentences for explanatory paragraphs.

1. A quarantine	is a step you can take to keep a sick person away from others.
2. A virus is	a very small living thing that causes disease.
3. An outbreak is when a disease	appears very suddenly in many people.
4. A risk is the possibility that	something bad will happen.
5. A pandemic is when a disease	spreads all over the world very quickly.
6. A strategy is the plan that	you use to achieve something.
7. A factor is one of the things that	influences a decision or a situation.
8. Cooperation is	working with others to achieve a goal.

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Reorder each set of words to make a sentence.

1. .

2. .

3. .

4. .

5. .

6. .

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Read the sentences. Then rewrite each sentence using an adverb from the list. You do not need to use all the adverbs. Then select "Submit" below to send to your teacher.

1. The doctors tried to save the patient's life.
2. The nurse responded when the patient called.
3. The patient listened to the doctor's advice.
4. The patient was nervous.
5. The doctors spoke about the patient's condition.

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especially
somewhat
quickly
frequently
seriously
happily
carefully

- 1-The doctors tried to be carefully with the patient's life
- 2- The nurse responded quickly when the patient called
- 3-The patient listened seriously to the doctor's device
- 4-the patient frequently seems nervous
- 5-The doctors spoke hard about the patient's condition

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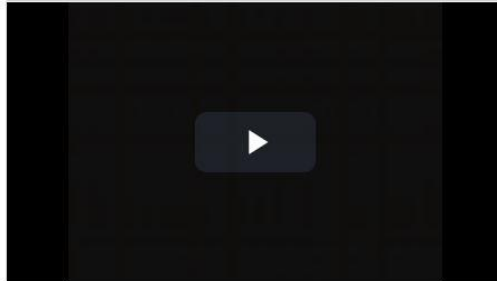


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Watch the video. Choose the best answer.



1. What place is the video about?
 Turkey
 Asia
2. What disease are people concerned about?
 the bird flu
 malaria
3. Who is Dr. Tim Uyeki?
 an influenza expert
 a researcher in Asia
4. How many countries have reported the disease?
 six
 five
5. What good news is discussed?
 it has stopped spreading

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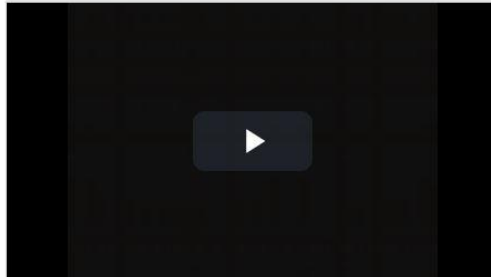


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- ✓ an influenza expert
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 it has stopped spreading
✓ more people are recovering
- 6. Who had the disease first?
✓ birds
 humans
- 7. What best describes the disease?
✓ There are both mild and severe cases.
 Humans generally have mild cases.

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