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Level 2

Scientists close to cure for the common cold

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THE READING

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British researchers may be close to a cure for the common cold. Scientists have worked for decades on a medicine to end colds. The biggest problem was finding a drug that could fight hundreds of types of cold viruses. The viruses change very quickly and can fight against new drugs. Until now, there has been no cure for colds, so we all have to suffer every year. Scientists have developed a molecule that could make colds a thing of the past. They found that the molecule blocked the viruses that cause colds. It stopped the viruses from working in the body.

Most of us catch a cold a few times a year. The usual treatment for a cold is to take medicine for the different symptoms. We take different things for a sore throat, a runny nose or a fever. Different viruses cause different symptoms. The researchers say the new molecule could stop all symptoms. Researcher Dr Ed Tate said it could help to end suffering for millions of people. Dr Tate believes it could also help people with more serious problems. He said: "The common cold is an inconvenience for most of us, but it can cause serious complications in people with conditions like asthma."

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. researchers may be close | a. every year |
| 2. Scientists have worked | b. working in the body |
| 3. hundreds of types | c. cause colds |
| 4. The viruses change very | d. of cold viruses |
| 5. we all have to suffer | e. to a cure |
| 6. make colds a thing | f. for decades |
| 7. the viruses that | g. quickly |
| 8. It stopped the viruses from | h. of the past |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. Most of us catch | a. millions of people |
| 2. a few times | b. like asthma |
| 3. The usual treatment | c. different symptoms |
| 4. things for a sore | d. a year |
| 5. Different viruses cause | e. throat |
| 6. end suffering for | f. complications |
| 7. it can cause serious | g. a cold |
| 8. people with conditions | h. for a cold |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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British researchers may (1) _____ a cure for the common cold. Scientists have worked (2) _____ a medicine to end colds. The biggest problem was finding a drug that could fight hundreds (3) _____ cold viruses. The viruses change very quickly and can fight against new drugs. Until now, there has been no cure for colds, so we all (4) _____ every year. Scientists have developed a molecule that could make colds a thing (5) _____. They found that the molecule blocked the viruses (6) _____. It stopped the viruses from working in the body.

Most of us (7) _____ a few times a year. The usual treatment for a cold is to take medicine for the different symptoms. We take different things for (8) _____, a runny nose or a fever. Different viruses cause different symptoms. The researchers say the new molecule (9) _____ symptoms. Researcher Dr Ed Tate said it could (10) _____ suffering for millions of people. Dr Tate believes it could also help people (11) _____ problems. He said: "The common cold is an inconvenience (12) _____ us, but it can cause serious complications in people with conditions like asthma."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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COLDS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Colds in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

| | STUDENT 1 _____ | STUDENT 2 _____ | STUDENT 3 _____ |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Q.1. | | | |
| Q.2. | | | |
| Q.3. | | | |
| Q.4. | | | |
| Q.5. | | | |

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

