

Worksheet No ( 11 )

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Previous Tests	W S type : Assessment	Class : Secondary Stage
Learning Outcomes: 1- To read for specific information.		

## Reading

### Read the following passage and answer the questions:

It is easy to catch, but difficult to get rid of. It can make you shiver in the middle of summer and sweat in the heart of winter. What is it? Answer: the common cold! Although everyone has had a cold, most people don't understand what a cold is, what causes it or why it is so difficult for doctors to cure?!

Colds are caused by small particles, called viruses. While bacteria can be studied under an ordinary light microscope, the structure of viruses was a mystery until the invention of the electronic microscope in the 1930s.

Viruses are parasites: they cannot exist or function without the help of a living cell. Animals, plants and even bacteria can be infected by viruses. Cold viruses are carried by small droplets of water in the air. When you breathe in, these viruses are drawn in and infect the cells of the throat- consequently, you

catch a cold. Some viruses reach further down towards the lungs and then the infection is likely to be more serious.

The cells which line the throat produce a sticky liquid (called, mucus) which is constantly pushed up towards the nose by the movement of small hairs. In this way, unwanted particles which we breathe in can be removed; otherwise our lungs would fill up with dust and dirt. Infected cells produce a lot of mucus, so that we have to sneeze and cough to get ***it*** out.

Although there are many things you can buy to make you feel better, only time and your own body will cure your cold. Moreover, there are many different types of cold virus. Antibiotics are not always useful, because they kill bacteria rather than viruses; it is also very difficult to kill a virus without also killing the living cell which is supporting it

**A- Answer the following questions:**

1- Why was it impossible to study the structure of viruses before the 1930s?

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2- Can a parasite exist without the help of living cells?

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3- What happens to the cells of the throat when they are infected by a cold virus?

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4- Find words in the passage which mean:

a) to make an injury or illness better. ....

b) all the time or regularly. ....

**B- Choose the correct answer from a,b,c or d:**

5- Viruses ..... colds.

- a- infect      b- destroy      c- kill      d- cause

6- The underlined word "It" refers to :

- a- parasite      b- droplet      c- breath      d- mucus

7- The best title for this passage could be .....

- a- The discovery of cold viruses  
b- Antibiotics  
c- How to kill a cold virus  
d- The common cold