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## Level 1

### Scientists close to cure for the common cold

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Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180518-cold-cure-1.html>

Scientists may be close to a cure for the common cold. They have looked for a medicine for many years. The problem is that there are hundreds of types of cold viruses. The viruses change very quickly. They fight against new drugs. This means we all have to suffer every year. Scientists have made a discovery that could end colds. Their discovery 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. We usually take different medicine for things like a sore throat, a runny nose or a fever. Different viruses cause different things. The researchers' discovery could stop these things. It could help to end our suffering. It could also help people with more serious problems. A cold can cause serious problems in people with breathing difficulties. The discovery could help people who have asthma.

Sources: <https://www.webmd.com/cold-and-flu/news/20180515/scientists-are-targeting-the-common-cold>  
<https://www.medicaldaily.com/new-cure-common-cold-targets-human-protein-instead-virus-424150>  
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# PHRASE MATCHING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180518-cold-cure-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                               |                      |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Scientists may be close to | a. years             |
| 2. They have looked           | b. from working      |
| 3. many                       | c. viruses           |
| 4. there are                  | d. against new drugs |
| 5. types of cold              | e. a cure            |
| 6. They fight                 | f. a discovery       |
| 7. Scientists have made       | g. for a medicine    |
| 8. It stopped the viruses     | h. hundreds          |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Most of us catch          | a. nose or a fever   |
| 2. a few times               | b. sore throat       |
| 3. We usually take different | c. difficulties      |
| 4. things like a             | d. a cold            |
| 5. a runny                   | e. medicine          |
| 6. It could help to          | f. have asthma       |
| 7. people with breathing     | g. a year            |
| 8. help people who           | h. end our suffering |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180518-cold-cure-1.html>

Scientists (1) \_\_\_\_\_ to a cure for the common cold. They have looked for a medicine (2) \_\_\_\_\_. The problem is that there are hundreds (3) \_\_\_\_\_ cold viruses. The viruses change very quickly. They fight against new drugs. This (4) \_\_\_\_\_ have to suffer every year. Scientists have made a discovery (5) \_\_\_\_\_ colds. Their discovery blocked the viruses that cause colds. It stopped (6) \_\_\_\_\_ working in the body.

Most of us catch a (7) \_\_\_\_\_ times a year. We usually take different medicine (8) \_\_\_\_\_ a sore throat, a runny nose (9) \_\_\_\_\_. Different viruses cause different things. The researchers' discovery could stop these things. It could (10) \_\_\_\_\_ our suffering. It could also help people with more serious problems. (11) \_\_\_\_\_ cause serious problems in people with breathing difficulties. The discovery could help (12) \_\_\_\_\_ asthma.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# COLDS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/1805/180518-cold-cure-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

