

Unit 2: Staying Healthy

Lesson 2: Reading

LI: I am learning to make predictions about a text.

Strategy Check: Tick the strategy that will help you make predictions. Use the strategies before you read the text below.

- Look at pictures.
- Read the whole text in detail.
- Look at the type of text and its features.

Read the following text carefully.



Malaria is a very serious disease which infects 300 to 500 million people every year. It is most common in hot tropical countries in the Americas, Asia and Africa. One person dies every second from malaria.

What causes malaria?

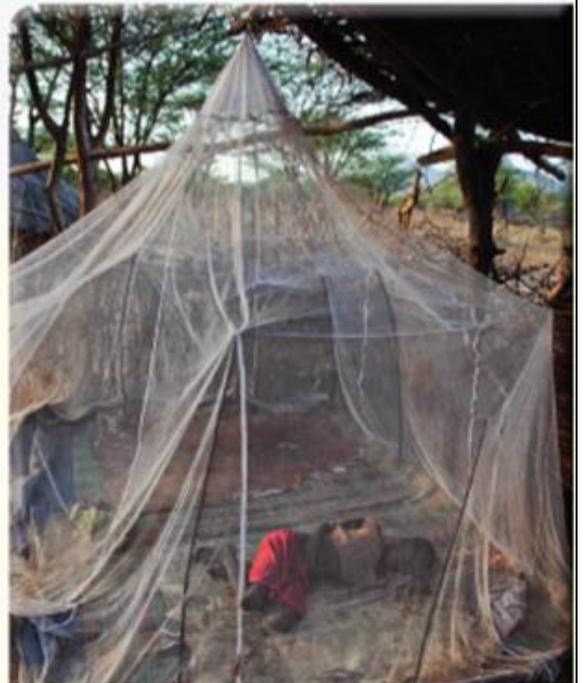
A lot of mosquitoes in hot tropical countries carry a parasite which causes malaria. When a mosquito bites a person, the parasite can get into the blood – they don't need to infect **much** blood to make someone very ill.

What are the symptoms?

If you have malaria you will experience **many** symptoms, such as a high fever, headaches and being sick.

How can we stop people getting malaria?

Although there are **plenty of** vaccines which protect us from diseases, there is no vaccine for malaria yet. So all families need to sleep under mosquito nets which are treated with chemicals that make the mosquitoes stay away. For families with **little** money, an organisation called 'Malaria No More' does **a lot of** work to get mosquito nets to them. The nets are so big that **several** people from the same family can sleep under one net. This means that more people can live a healthy life, free from the disease.



1. Choose the best title for this article.

Serious diseases Malaria Being sick

Write your chosen title in the correct space in the article.

2. According to the text malaria is a serious disease. Give two reasons from the text.

a. _____

b. _____

3. Read the text. Are sentences 1 to 6 True or False?

		True	False
a.	Malaria is unusual in hot, tropical countries.		
b.	Malaria is a deadly disease		
c.	Mosquitoes carry a parasite which causes the disease.		
d.	A high temperature is a symptom of malaria.		
e.	There are a lot of vaccines which prevent malaria.		
f.	Mosquito nets help stop malaria infection.		

4. Choose one text feature from the text. How does it help the reader understand the text better?

5. Read the text again. Use coloured pens to underline:

a. Blue: countries which are most affected by malaria

b. Red: symptoms that you might have malaria

c. Green: one way how to stop people from getting malaria

6. Based on what you read, do you think that mosquito nets are an effective way to stop people from getting sick with malaria?

Yes _____ No _____

Give one reason to explain your answer.

7. Do you notice that some words are written in bold? These words are called quantifiers because they express quantity. Write them in the table below and say what they are showing. Then decide whether the quantifier is used with a countable or an uncountable noun.

	What is it quantifying?	countable	uncountable?	both
A lot of	mosquitoes	✓		

8. Use some of the quantifiers highlighted in the text to complete these sentences.

a. There are _____ different vaccines to protect us against diseases.

b. _____ people die from malaria each year.

c. Unfortunately, some families have _____ money.

d. Malaria affects _____ countries in America, Asia and Africa.