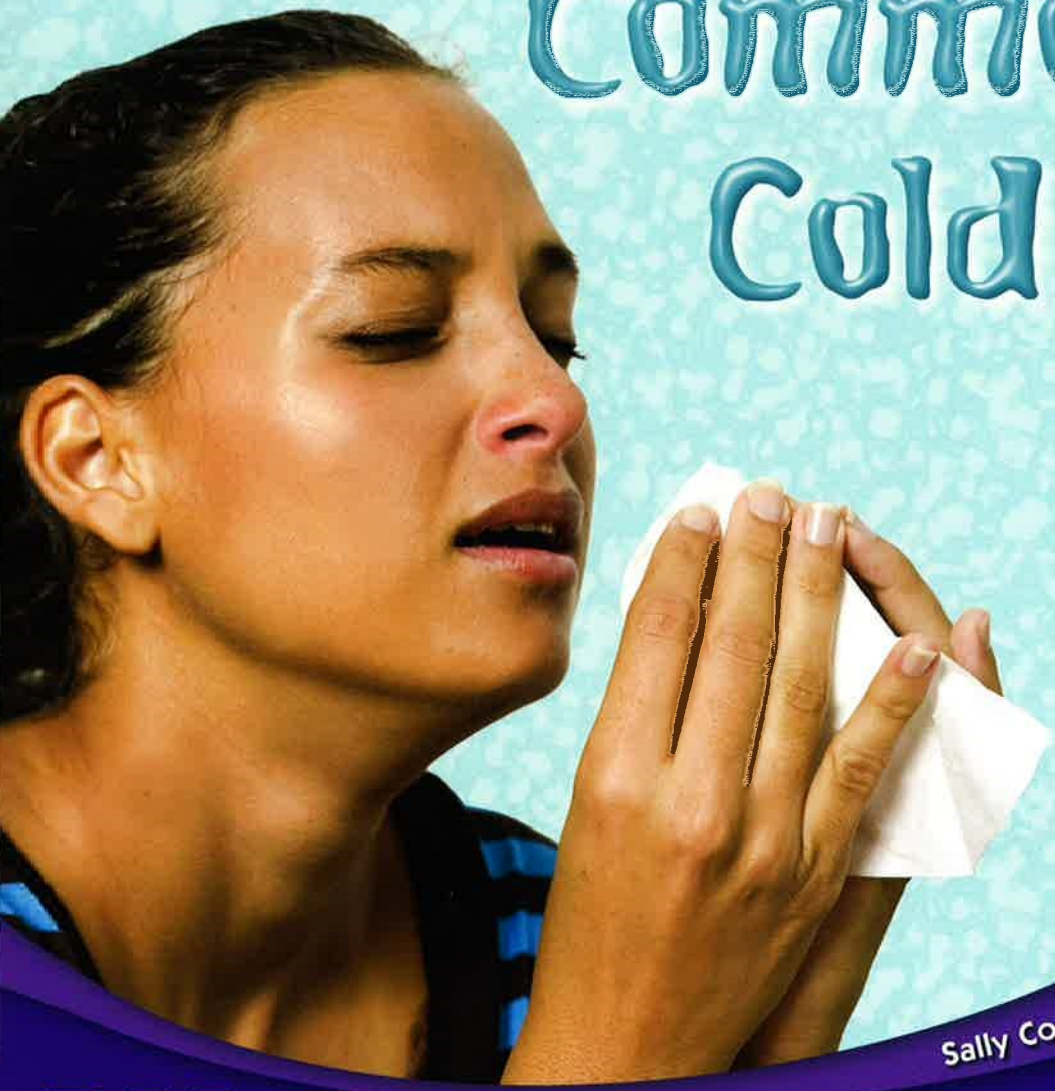
The Common Cold



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Explanation & Exposition

The Common Cold

Level 26 Emerald

Key Learning Area **Health**

Theme **The cold virus**

Title **Why We Catch a Cold**

Text Type *Explanation*

Pages **2–9**

Text Form **Article in a magazine**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To explain how or why something occurs**

Text Structure

Identifying Statement: Tells what is to be explained *(Pages 2–3)*.

Explanation Sequence: Explains a series of events or cause and effect *(Pages 4–8)*.

Summary Statement: Draws all the information together *(Page 9)*.

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. virus, throat, fluid)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. they, it)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. tiny, sore, unwell)*
- Present tense verbs *(e.g. is, lives, spreads)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. quickly)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. from the nose)*
- Time and sequence words *(e.g. After entering the body)*

Title **No Colds for Our School!**

Text Type *Exposition*

Pages **10–16**

Text Form **Article in a school newsletter**

Genre **Non-fiction**

Purpose **To persuade by arguing one side of an issue**

Text Structure

Statement of Position: Explains the writer's point of view and previews the arguments *(Pages 10–11)*.

Series of Arguments: Describes each argument and lists them in order of importance *(Pages 12–15)*.

Concluding Statement: Relates the position more forcefully to persuade the reader *(Page 16)*.

Language Features

- Nouns *(e.g. winter, responsibility)*
- Pronouns *(e.g. they)*
- Adjectives *(e.g. healthy, Tired)*
- Sensing verbs *(e.g. believe, think)*
- Adverbs *(e.g. quickly, thoroughly, often)*
- Adverbial phrases *(e.g. this winter, into the air)*
- Time and sequence words *(e.g. First, Second, Third)*

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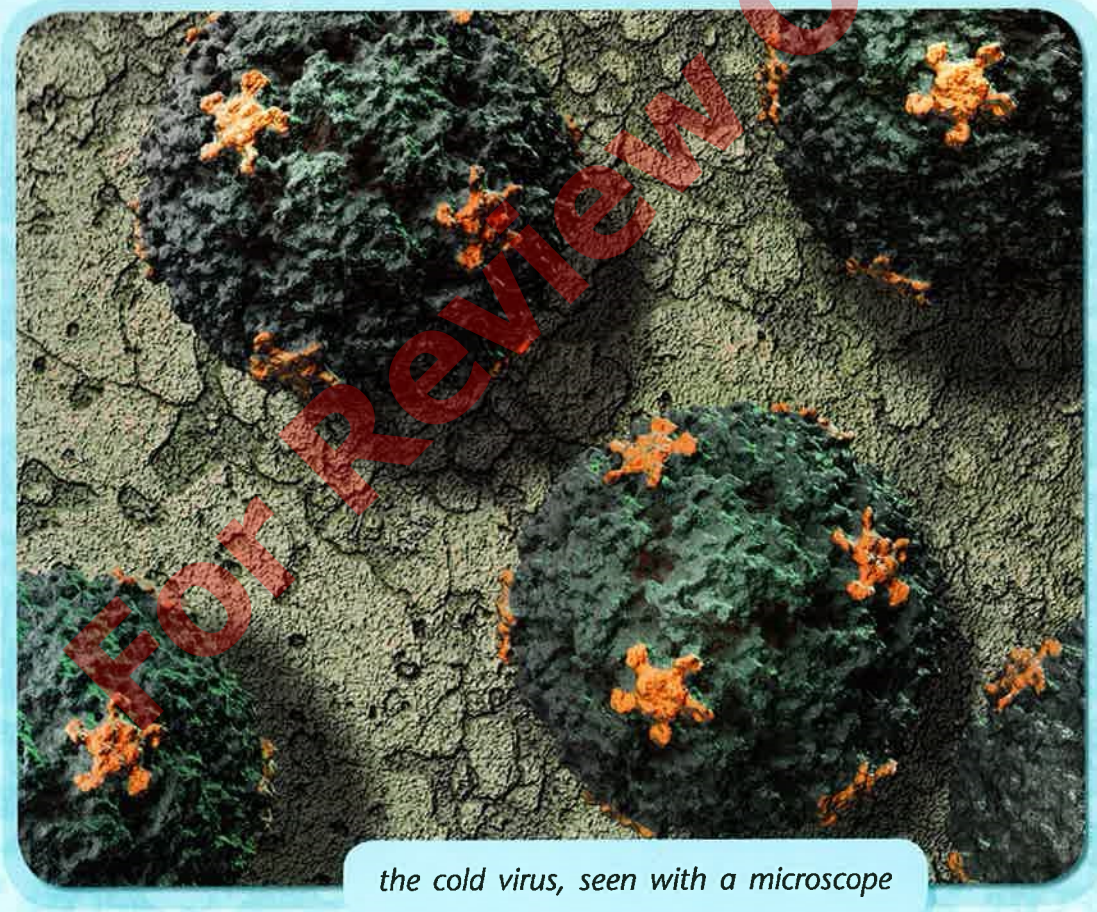
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Why We Catch a Cold

The common cold is caused by a tiny virus. The virus lives inside the human body, in the nose and throat. But it can also survive for a short time outside the body.



the cold virus, seen with a microscope

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A cold makes fluid drip from the nose. The fluid is full of the virus. People catch colds when the virus spreads from one person to another.



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People with colds get the virus on their hands when blowing or wiping their nose, or covering their sneezes. The virus can then be passed on to others by touch; for example, by holding or shaking hands.



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The virus can also be left on things such as phones, money or even door handles. When other people touch these things, they get the virus on their hands.



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When someone with a cold coughs or sneezes, droplets of the virus can spread into the air. Anyone who comes into contact with those droplets may catch a cold.

Once people have the virus on their hands, they might touch their face. The virus can enter the body through the nose, mouth or eyes.



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