

SCIENCE 4

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* 5.4. How medicines work

Symptoms and cures

How do you know when you have the flu?

When we are ill, we have signs of the illness called **symptoms**.

Different illnesses have different symptoms.

Look at the picture below to see some of the symptoms of flu. One of these symptoms is a fever. Medicines help to take away the symptoms of the illness.

Often we become ill because **germs** enter our body. Medicines can help to kill the **germs** and make the illness go away. When medicines make an illness go away, we say that the medicines **cure us**.



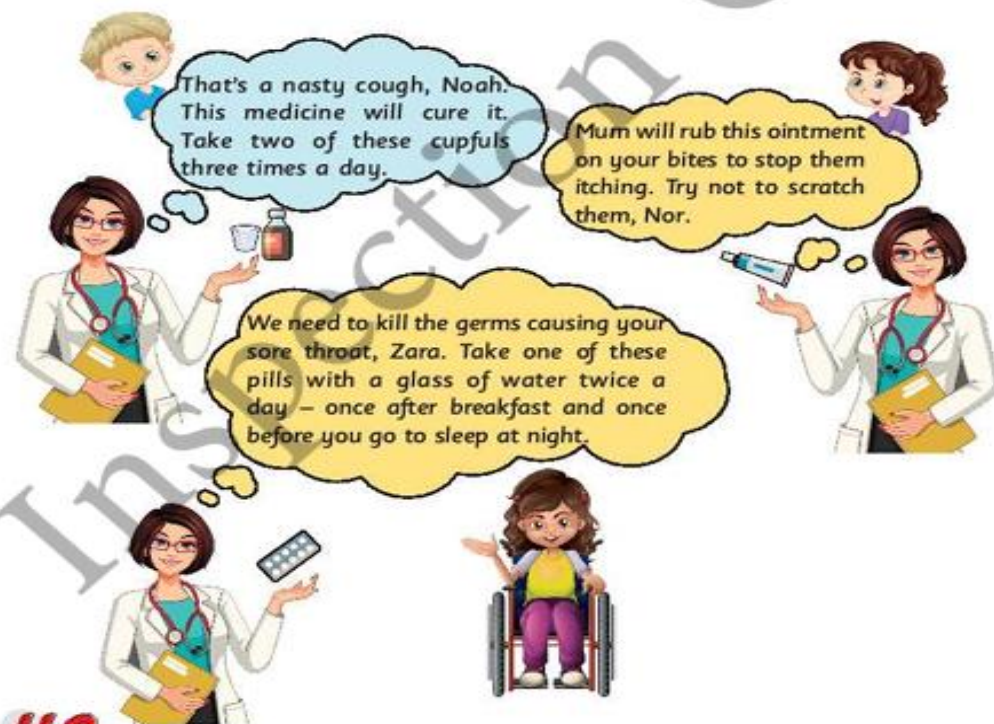
Medicines make us better but we have to take them safely. You should only take medicines if they are given to you by a doctor, a nurse or an adult who looks after you. Sometimes a doctor will prescribe medicines.

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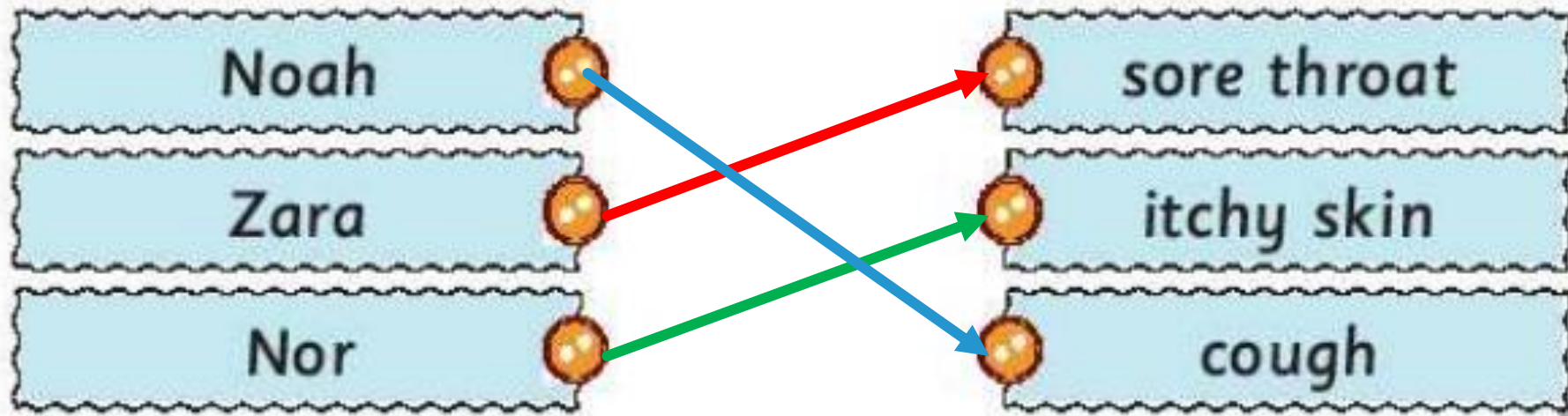
You should see a doctor.

Noah, Zara and Nor are at the clinic with their mother, Mrs. Suppiah. The children have different symptoms. Noah has a bad cough. Zara has a sore throat. Little Nor has insect bites on her arms and legs which itch. She wants to scratch them all the time.

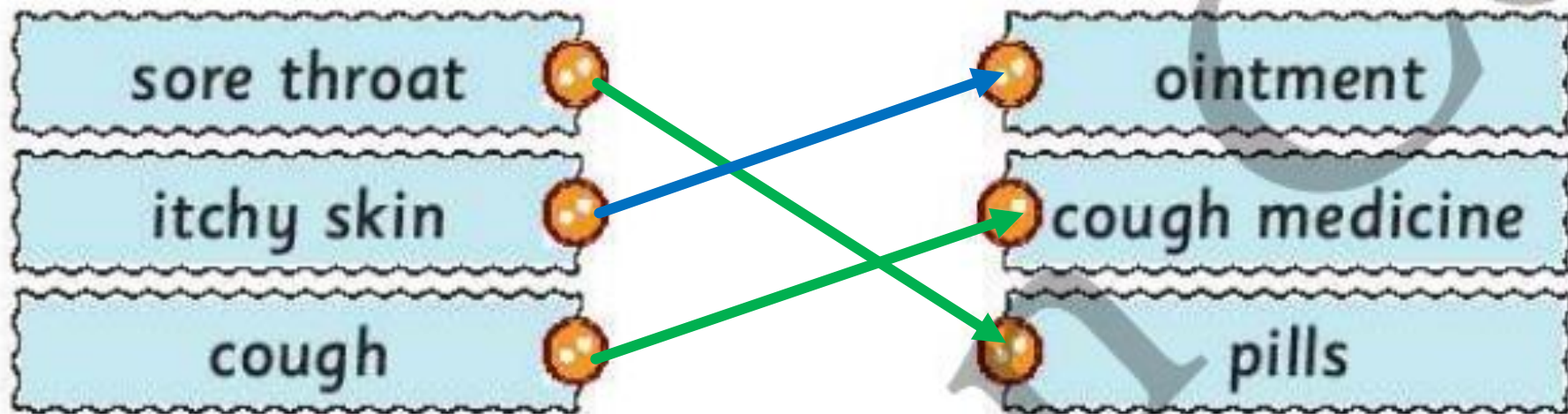
The children see Dr. Tan. She examines each child. Then she prescribes a different medicine for each child.



1) Draw lines linking each child with their symptoms.



2) Draw lines linking each symptom with the medicine that Dr. Tan gives the child.



symptoms

very small living things that make us sick

fever

when a doctor says what medicine a sick person must have

cure

signs of an illness

germs

a very high body temperature

prescribe

some things that makes an illness go away

