

Oh No, I Got a Cold!

I am sitting on the sofa.
By the fire and staying in.
Me head is free of comfort
And me nose is free of skin.
Me friends have run for cover,
They have left me pale and sick
With me pockets full of tissues
And me nostrils full of Vick.



I burnt me bit of dinner
'Cause I've lost me sense of smell,
But then, I couldn't taste it,
So that worked out very well,
I'd buy some, down the cafe,
But I know that at the till,
A voice from work will softly say
"I thought that you were ill".

So I'm wrapped up in a blanket
With me feet up on a stool,
I've watched the telly programmes
And the kids come home from school,
But what I haven't watched for
Is any sympathy,
Cause all you ever get is:
"Oh no, keep away from me!"

Medicinal discovery,
It moves in mighty leaps,
It leapt straight past the common cold
And gave it us for keeps.
Now I'm not a fussy woman,
There's no malice in me eye
But I wish that they could cure
the common cold. That's all. Goodbye.

A Answer the questions. P.A.

- Why is the poet unhappy? _____
- Which line do you like best? _____
Why? _____
- Pick three sets of rhyming words from the poem. (i) _____ in _____ and _____ skin _____
(ii) _____ and _____ (iii) _____ and _____
- Select the three words that describe how the poet is feeling.
miserable ☐ upset ☐ feverish ☐ content ☐ grumpy ☐ excited ☐ bored ☐
- Is this a serious poem or a humourous poem? _____
- Suggest two things the poet might do to help her feel better.
(i) _____ (ii) _____

B The common cold... Describe what happens when you get a cold. P.A.

- How do you feel? (i) _____ (ii) _____ (iii) _____
- What do you do? (i) _____ (ii) _____ (iii) _____
- What else helps? (i) _____ (ii) _____ (iii) _____

C Imagine... You are sent to mind your granny, who is feeling unwell. Write an email home. Tell your family: P.A.

- what the symptoms are
- what you have done
- how you are coping
- what should happen next

Unit 27 - Word Study

A Comprehension. Match the idiom to its meaning.

1. feel under the weather	(i) pay a lot of money for
2. hit the hay	(ii) suntanned
3. let the cat out of the bag	(iii) go to bed
4. brown as a berry	(iv) tell something that shouldn't be told
5. pay the earth for	(v) feel unwell

B Vocabulary. Find the lines in the poem "Oh No, I Got a Cold!" that mean the same as the phrases below.

1. I can no longer smell anything	I've lost me sense of smell
2. I am snuggled up with a cover	I'm wrapped up in a blanket
3. my pals are all keeping out of my way	Me friends have run for cover
4. my head feels awful	Me head is free of comfort

C Word Structure. Complete the table of rhyming words. V.A.

	Word	One-syllable word	Two-syllable word	Two-syllable word
1.	free	wee	Banshee	agree
2.	state	gate	update	translate
3.	wind	hind	behind	remind
4.	said	head	misled	instead

D Think, plan, write... Use the plan and the vocabulary to write an essay on the topic "Grandpa's big sneeze". P.A.

shocking uncomfortable pitiful cheerful handkerchief influenza
embarrassing shook explosive collapsed frightened noisy

Paragraph 1	1.	Tell about your grandpa.	2.	When do you see/visit him?
	3.	Tell how he sneezes.	4.	When did this happen?
Paragraph 2	1.	Where was he for the big sneeze?	2.	What damage did he cause?
	3.	Was there an emergency?	4.	What did people do?
Paragraph 3	1.	How did Grandpa feel?	2.	What did he do: run? hide?
	3.	Was Grandma amused or angry?	4.	How is Grandpa now?

E Teaser Time

1. The code represents the word THEATRICAL. Using this code, find these hidden words:

T	H	E	A	T	R	I	C	A	L
8	7	2	3	8	1	4	6	3	5

81362	8738	1382	8231	128345	81345	38846	12546
TRACE	THAT	RATE	TEAR	RETAIL	TRAIL	ATTIC	RELIC

2. Five-Minute Word Bank. In five minutes, how many words (of three or more letters) can you make using the word DANGEROUSLY? P.A.

(i)	*SOUR	(iii)		(v)		(vii)		(ix)	
(ii)		(iv)		(vi)		(viii)		(x)	

A Vocabulary. Match the related words. Use each word only once.

antibiotic lozenges headache cast blisters
sniffing needle thermometer spots plaster

1.	temperature	thermometer	6.	burn	blisters
2.	sore throat	lozenges	7.	measles	spots
3.	broken leg	cast	8.	cut knee	plaster
4.	infection	antibiotic	9.	head cold	sniffing
5.	migraine	headache	10.	injection	needle

Score **B Comprehension. Ring the words that are closest in meaning to the words from "Oh No, I Got a Cold!".**

1.	comfort	support	finance	6.	softly	harshly	gently
2.	tissues	sheets	hankies	7.	wrapped	covered	clipped
3.	watched	viewed	listened	8.	sympathy	congratulate	commiserate
4.	burnt	steamed	scorched	9.	medicinal	prescription	perspiration
5.	smell	odour	sight	10.	malice	badness	goodness

Score **C Grammar: Cloze Procedure. Write words to complete the story. V.A.**

Seán's uncle had a metal detector in his shed. Seán had borrowed it from him. Now he and Ronan could put their plan into action. They planned to search for coins and gold jewellery that had been lost. The hunt would take place on the local beach. The boys were very excited. They were sure there were treasures buried in the sand.

Score **D Proofing. Underline the ten errors and write the correction above the error.**

Many ^{donkeys} donkies work hard, pulling turf carts. It is wrong to abandon them when they are ^{too} to old to work. Biscuit was ^{abandoned} abandonnd in County ^{Wicklow} wicklow. He was thin, ^{hungry} scrawny and hungry. The Donkey Sanctuary ^{heard} herd about him and sent ^{Eugene their} eugene, there lorry driver, to rescue him. When Biscuit saw the door of the lorry opening he ran into the back and snuggled down on the hay. He now lives in ^{Waterford} waterford with a family.

Score **E Spelling. Ten words will be read aloud. Listen and write them correctly.**

1.		6.	
2.		7.	
3.		8.	
4.		9.	
5.		10.	

Score