

Name _____ Influenza (Flu)

Lesson: Why Is There a Flu Season, and Why Is It During Winter - Worksheet

Match the meaning to the vocabulary term.

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| ___ Virus (vy-ruhs) | A. Something that is mysterious, puzzling, or difficult to understand. |
| ___ Incubate (in-kyuh-bayt) | B. An idea that is intended to explain facts or events. |
| ___ Compromised (kom-pruh-myzd) | C. When a disease is spread from one person or organism to another by direct or indirect contact. |
| ___ Theory (thee-uh-ree) | D. To keep something warm, causing it to develop. |
| ___ Contradictory (kon-truh-dik-tuh-ree) | E. Unable to function fully. |
| ___ Contagious (con-tay-juhs) | F. Ideas that are in opposition to one another. |
| ___ Enigma (i-nig-muh) | G. Tiny organisms that use cells in the body to make copies of themselves. |

Select 2-3 of the terms above and write 1-3 sentences for each to show your understanding.

Example ENIGMA

The disappearance of the chickens continues to be an enigma. The chicken coop is completely fenced, and there are no signs of anything breaking in. It is a complete mystery!

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Fill in the missing words. Choose from:

spread better vitamin D contradictory
theory virus weaker inside weather

Make sure to SPELL each word correctly. Write neatly.

1. One _____ of why there is a Flu season is that the flu _____ survives _____ in colder and drier climates.
2. Another cause for the winter flu season is that the cold _____ means people are _____ more where it is easier for germs to _____ between people.
3. Another reason for the winter flu season could be lack of _____ that people get from sunshine causing the immune system to become _____.
4. It is hard to know for sure why the Flu season happens at the same time all around the world because information is _____. There are so many different and opposing ideas.

The flu season puzzles scientists because they are unsure why it starts and stops at the same time in different locations around the globe.

What do we call this kind of mystery?

- a) Science effect
- b) existence
- c) epiphany
- d) enigma
- e) exertion



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