

Medicine: Past and Present

A. Match the definitions:

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| 1. Epidemic   | a. protected from germs                                 |
| 2. Plague     | b. tiny germs too small to be seen without a microscope |
| 3. Germs      | c. to make free of germs                                |
| 4. Infected   | d. a preparation of weakened germs used to protect      |
| 5. Microbes   | e. germs  |
| 6. Antibodies | f. a rapidly spreading disease                          |
| 7. Immune     | g. having disease germs present                         |
| 8. Bacteria   | h. substances produced by the body that destroy germs   |
| 9. Vaccine    | i. tiny plant or animals that cause disease             |
| 10. Sterilize | j. a destructive epidemic disease                       |

True or False

1. An **epidemic** is when everyone is healthy. True or false?
2. A **plague** leaves few people alive. True or false?
3. **Germs** can cause disease. True or false?
4. A person **infected** with a terrible disease has nothing to worry about. True or false?
5. A person who is **immune** from a terrible disease has nothing to worry about. True or false?
6. You can see **microbes** with the naked eye. True or false?
7. **Antibodies** attack healthy cells in the body. True or false?
8. You should wash your hands to kill any **bacteria**. True or false?
9. A **vaccine** will help protect you from a disease. True or false?
10. A doctor should never **sterilize** the instruments before surgery. True or false?

Complete the Sentences  
(You may need to change the verb tense.)

1. Everyone should sneeze in their elbows so that they do not spread any \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Dr. Jekyll \_\_\_\_\_ the scalpel before cutting into the patient.
3. The horrible \_\_\_\_\_ swept through town and killed everyone.
4. Whenever I catch a cold, the \_\_\_\_\_ in my body fight the infection.
5. Every year, Ralph gets a flu \_\_\_\_\_ to protect against getting sick.
6. It was a/an \_\_\_\_\_ at school. Everyone seemed to be catching the flu.
7. Billy never seems to get sick. He must be \_\_\_\_\_ from all diseases.
8. There was nothing the doctors could do. The patient had already been \_\_\_\_\_ with the deadly Ebola virus.
9. We can see many \_\_\_\_\_ with our microscope.
10. You should always wash your hands after handling raw meat to kill any \_\_\_\_\_.

Example/Non-Example  
(Circle the example.)

Epidemic

No one seemed to be getting sick.

Everyone seemed to be getting sick.

Plague

Many people died from the disease in the village.

No one died from the disease in the village.

Germ

The dirty kleenex could get you sick.

The clean Kleenex won't get you sick.

Infected

Roy's cut has puss oozing from it.

Roy's cut was healing fine.

Microbes

The doctor could see the germs with his naked eye.

The doctor could see the germs with the microscope.

Antibodies

Amy's body was fighting the cold.

Amy was getting sicker and sicker from the cold.

Immune

Amelia never got sick.

Amelia always got sick.

Bacteria

Washing your hands keeps you healthy.

Washing your hands keeps you sick.

Vaccine

Lorena never got a shot to prevent getting the flu.

Lorena always got a shot to prevent getting the flu.

Sterilize

The surgeon used dirty instruments in surgery.

The surgeon used instruments that had been heated to kill germs in surgery.

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(Circle the correct definition.)

- Epidemic
  - A disease that is easily cured
  - A disease that spreads rapidly
  - A disease that no one gets
- Plague
  - A disease that makes people forget
  - A disease that is like a cold
  - An epidemic disease that kills many people
- Germs
  - Tiny plants or animals that can cause disease
  - Tiny plants or animals that can kept as pets
  - Tiny plants or animals that kill disease
- Infected
  - Having good health
  - Having disease germs present
  - Having bad breath
- Microbes
  - Very large organisms
  - Tiny organisms
  - Noisy organisms
- Antibodies
  - Germs that make you sick
  - Things that make you body fall apart
  - Things in you body that fight disease
- Immune
  - When you are protected from germs
  - When you are attacked by germs
  - When you make germs
- Bacteria
  - Germs
  - Medicine
  - Bandages
- Vaccine
  - A preparation to protect you from disease
  - A preparation to protect you from cows
  - A preparation to heal cuts
- Sterilize
  - To spread germs
  - To collect germs
  - To kill germs