

KEY VOCABULARY

Episode 9: Medical Mystery

Strategy Suggestion

Copy or project onto the board the blank form of the Word Practice activity attached. For Part 1, brainstorm with students possible causes and effects of mold. For Part 2, guide them to complete the context sentences with the words in the box. Have students explain why they chose each word.

NOTE: *The discovery that Feza is sick from exposure to mold is the solution to the “medical mystery” at the heart of Episode 9. Therefore, preteaching key vocabulary becomes something of a “spoiler.” Instead, you may want to review and reteach these words.*

Word/Term	Part of Speech	Definition
accident	n.	an event that happens by chance, especially a harmful one (accidents)
antibiotic	n.	a medicine that can destroy or prevent the growth of infection (antibiotics)
clinic	n.	a place where patients can get medical help (clinics)
dangerous	adj.	likely to cause harm, injury, or death
environment	n.	everything that surrounds living things and affects their growth and health (environments)
infected	adj.	causing illness through germs entering the body
mold	n.	a growth of fungus, often fuzzy, that forms on the surface of stale, damp, or decaying matter
toxic	adj.	poisonous; capable of causing serious illness or death

WORD PRACTICE

EPIISODE 10

PART 1: CAUSE & EFFECT

POSSIBLE CAUSES OF MOLD

damp basements wet clothes
leaking pipe humidity
flooding leaking roof

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POSSIBLE EFFECTS OF MOLD

property damage illness

PART 2: CONTEXT SENTENCES

environment

clinic

toxic

infected

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2. Some people have a **toxic** reaction to breathing in mold, almost as if mold were poisonous to their lungs.
3. A lot of moisture in the **environment**, such as in humid places, can lead to the growth of mold.
4. If you think you are having a bad health reaction to mold, go to a a medical **clinic** to get tested for mold poisoning.

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