

Snot Science

Glossary

Word	Definition
odour	an unpleasant smell
proteins	essential nutrients for our bodies
bacteria	a type of biological cell

Vocabulary Starter

Word	Definition
devour	eat or swallow in a greedy way
digest	break down and absorb
hanky	short for handkerchief – a small piece of cloth used to wipe the nose or face

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What type of poster might you find this information on?

- a) a science poster for children
- b) a medical poster for doctors
- c) a reference poster for teachers

What makes you think this?

The tone and pictures are aimed at children not adults

2

Look at the title and write down its two meanings:

- 1) Snot Science – the science of snot

2) It's not science (S'not science)

3 Why do you think the writer chose to use this title?

Because it is a pun and puns are amusing. It also explains what the poster is about. 'Snot science' is a more engaging title for children than something formal and scientific.

4 Match each word to their corresponding definition

lysozymes	helps digestion in the stomach
devour	certain cells in your body
phagocytes	special proteins
acid	eat greedily

5 How do you think the narrator would view Jimmy Grimble? Why do you think this?

I think the narrator views Jimmy Grimble as disgusting and implies that he has terrible smelling farts. The text says "Your nose allows you to smell the sweet perfume of a beautiful rose or the eggy odour coming from Jimmy Grimble's bottom."

6 Find and copy all the words that belong to the lexical field of battle.

7

Do you think that presenting how snot is produced as a fight between good and evil is effective? Why? Why not?

I think it is/is not effective because

READ YOUR ANSWER TO SOMEONE AT HOME – DOES IT MAKE SENSE?

8

At the end of the text, “Lovely!” is ironic. What does it mean?

It actually means that it is not lovely. This is why it is ironic – it contrasts with the real situation which is not lovely at all.

Extension activity

TO MARK YOUR EXTENSION, READ YOUR ANSWERS TO SOMEONE AT HOME AND CHECK THAT THEY MAKE SENSE.

We shouldn't put our fingers into our nose because _____

The narrator swears they are never picking their nose but _____

Bacteria bursting the protein contains a form of iron so _____
