

Daily Life - Chicken Pox (C0145)

A: What's wrong with you? Why are you scratching so much?

B: I feel itchy! I can't stand it anymore! I think I may be coming down with something. I feel light-headed and weak.

A: Let me have a look. Whoa! Get away from me!

B: What's wrong?

A: I think you have chicken pox! You are contagious! Get away! Don't breathe on me!

B: Maybe it's just a rash or an allergy! We can't be sure until I see a doctor.

A: Well in the meantime you are a biohazard! I didn't get it when I was a kid and I've heard that you can even die if you get it as an adult!

B: Are you serious? You always blow things out of proportion. In any case, I think I'll go take an oatmeal bath.

A: Ewww!

Key Vocabulary

scratch	<i>principle verb, present progressive</i>	to rub your skin to stop an itch
itchy	<i>Adjective</i>	an unpleasant feeling on your skin, makes you want to scratch
come down with (something)	<i>phrase</i>	to become ill
lightheaded	<i>Adjective</i>	to feel dizzy

chicken pox	<i>phrase</i>	a childhood disease that leaves red spots on the skin
contagious	<i>Adjective</i>	having a sickness that can be passed to someone else
rash	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a skin irritation
allergy	<i>common noun, singular</i>	medical condition that causes someone to become sick after eating, touching, or breathing something
in the mean- time	<i>phrase</i>	for the present time
biohazard	<i>common noun, singular</i>	a harmful substance
blow (some- thing) out of proportion	<i>phrase</i>	to make something seem more serious

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time

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Supplementary Vocabulary

flu

*common
noun, non-
variable*

influenza, a contagious
virus

cold

*common
noun, sin-
gular*

a contagious common
sickness

fever

*common
noun, sin-
gular*

a high body tempera-
ture caused by illness

nauseous

Adjective

feelings of upset stom-
ach and dizziness
caused by illness

allergic

Adjective

having allergies to
something