

**Global View - Allergies** (C0318)

Jim: Argh...I feel terrible, I keep sneezing and my eyes are all watery, what's wrong with me?

Tom: Wow, you're not dying are you, it looks like you have a cold, you should take some medicine.

Jim: I don't think it's a cold, I feel fine if I move a few feet away from my desk.

Tom: Maybe we should put you into quarantine ha ha, jokes aside, I think you might have an allergy.

Jim: An allergy? I never thought about that, I don't think I'm allergic to pollen though and I'm desensitized to bee stings after being stung so many times, Hmm...

Jim: Ow! Why did you chuck that peanut at me?

Tom: Just checking if you're allergic to peanuts, I guess not.

Jim: Not funny! I could have gone into Anaphylactic Shock.

Tom: Okay my bad, how about dust? This office is full of it.

Jim: Yes the whole is office is dusty yet I only feel affected near our desks!

Cat: Meow meow meow

Jim: You brought your cat into the office?!

Tom: Yes, it's Mr Snuffle's birthday today, I didn't want him to be alone on his special day!

Jim: ACHOO! Argh put it away ACHOO!

Tom: I guess we found the problem, your allergic to cats!

### Key Vocabulary

pollen

*N*

the fertilizing element of flowering plants, consisting of fine, powdery, yellowish grains or spores

desensitize	<i>V</i>	to lessen the sensitive- ness of
allergic	<i>A</i>	have allergy towards something
affect	<i>V</i>	to act on; produce an effect or change in
dust	<i>N</i>	dry fine powdery mate- rial, such as particles of dirt, earth or pollen
anaphylactic shock	<i>N</i>	severe and sometimes fatal allergic reaction to a foreign substance such as bee venom
quarantine	<i>N</i>	a strict isolation im- posed to prevent the spread of disease.

### Supplementary Vocabulary

sneeze	<i>V</i>	to expel air and nasal secretions from the nose involuntarily
hayfever	<i>N</i>	an allergic reaction to pollen, dust

reaction	<i>N</i>	action in response to some influence
contagious	<i>A</i>	capable of being trans- mitted by bodily con- tact with an infected person or object