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Instructions: Before reading the book, answer *Yes* or *No* to each question. After reading the book, answer the questions again and compare your answers.

Knowledge Survey

yes = I agree with the statement.

no = I do not agree with the statement.

Before Reading	InFLUenza	After Reading
	A virus causes the flu.	
	Coughing sends germs into the air.	
	Humans can get the flu, but other animals cannot.	
	Our immune systems have antibodies that attack and destroy viruses.	
	Keeping your fingers out of your mouth helps you stay healthy.	
	Vaccines keep the flu virus from taking over your body.	
	People who are very old are at the same risk of getting sick as everyone else.	
	The Spanish flu killed over 20 million people worldwide.	

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Instructions: In the table below, write the important details from each section of *InFLUenza* that support the main idea.



Main Idea
The flu is a virus that affects humans and other animals.



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Section	Important Details
What Is the Flu?	
Changing Viruses	
Preventing the Virus from Taking Over	
Treating the Flu	
History of the Flu	
Conclusion	

SKILL: MAIN IDEA AND DETAILS

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Instructions: Read the sentences below and highlight or circle the parentheses. Next, on the line below each sentence, write whether the parentheses were added to clarify or to add more information.

- ① The flu is also called influenza (in-floo-EN-zah).

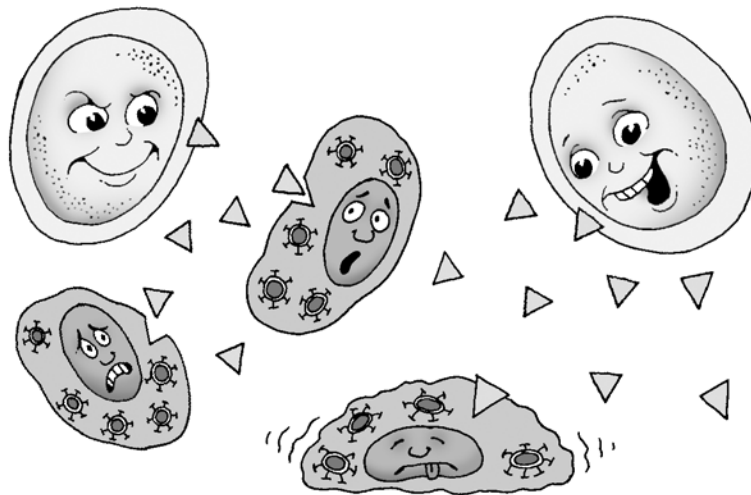
- ② Influenza B is milder, causes smaller outbreaks, and affects only humans (mostly children).

- ③ Wild birds (above) often pass viruses to farm chickens (right) that are around people more.

- ④ The pandemic (the rapid, worldwide spread of disease) of 1918 was not the only major influenza outbreak in history.

- ⑤ Sometimes a virus will take a shortcut (such as the avian virus of 1997) and jump directly from animals to humans.

- ⑥ During flu season (October through May in the northern hemisphere), viruses are widespread.



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Instructions: Choose a synonym and antonym for each word from the box below. Put a check mark in the thesaurus box across from each word after you check your answers in a thesaurus.

Synonym	Word	Antonym	Thesaurus
	healthy		
	quickly		
	easily		
	create		
	defend		
	weak		
	attack		
strong	retreat	make	slowly
strong	attack	difficult	invade
unhealthy	protect	swiftly	delicate
	effortless	destroy	