

Viruses in People

In people, a virus is a tiny molecule that attacks that multiplies or copies itself once it is inside the body. When your immune system attacks these invaders, you feel sick. Usually, your immune system can destroy the virus and eventually you feel better. People can take certain medicines to help themselves feel better when they have a virus. Viruses can easily be spread from person to person.

Viruses in Computers

In a computer, a virus is made up of lines of codes that cause a computer or computers to function in ways that are harmful. Just like in people, computers sometimes show signs of having a virus. Sometimes they work very slowly or sometimes screens and pictures pop up that aren't supposed to. Other times, however, people don't know their computers have viruses and these viruses can steal passwords and other important information. Certain viruses can spread from computer to computer. When a computer has a virus, programs can be used to find and destroy the virus. These programs, however, don't always work.

1. Why do people begin to feel sick when they have viruses?

- A. The virus has multiplied
- B. The immune system has failed
- C. The immune system has begun attacking the virus
- D. They have begun to take medicine to feel better

2. What happens when a computer has a virus?

- A. Sometimes it works slowly
- B. Sometimes strange screens and pictures appear
- C. Sometimes nothing happens and the person doesn't know about the virus
- D. All of the above

3. Programs used to destroy computer viruses...

- A. always work.
- B. never work.
- C. sometimes work.
- D. are not real.

4. What is NOT true about viruses?

- A. Sometimes people don't know their computers have viruses.
- B. A person's immune system can usually destroy a virus
- C. Some viruses can spread from computer to computer
- D. They cannot be spread from person to person