

**Inside Reading Level Intro**  
**Unit 3 “Fighting Bacteria” Pre-Reading Activities**

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**Reading 2 in Unit 3 tells how scientists learned ways to stop bacteria from hurting people. Read the sentences below that state a main idea from the Reading.**

Throughout time, scientists have tried to cure illnesses. It wasn't until the 1900s, though, that scientists found a medicine that could fight infections and help people suffering from certain illnesses. Now there is a cure for many of the illnesses that people died from in the past.

**Look at the underlined words above. These are words and phrases that are used to talk about being sick. Think about what each word or phrase means. Then answer the questions below.**

1. If you cure a disease or illness, it gets \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. better
  - b. worse
  
2. If you suffer from an illness, you feel \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. good
  - b. bad
  
3. If you have an illness, you \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. feel well
  - b. do not feel well

**Now look at the Reading on pages 41 and 42. Match each phrase on the right with the heading that it appears under on the left.**

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| 4. ____ The Discovery of Bacteria | a. suffered from       |
| 5. ____ Carboic Acid              | b. ways to cure people |
| 6. ____ Penicillin                | c. died from           |

**In addition, to the noun *illness*, the Reading also uses the adjective *ill*. Read the example below:**

If you are ill, you should see a doctor. She can examine you to make sure you don't have a serious illness.

7. Now find the word *ill* in the Reading. Record the sentence that it is in below:

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**Answer Key**

Look at the underlined words in the passage. These are words and expressions that are used to talk about people who are sick. Think about what each word means.

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  - a. better
  - b. worse
  
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  - a. good
  - b. bad
  
3. If you have an illness, you B.
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But they had not yet found ways to cure people who were already ill from a disease.