



CURRICULUM LEARNING AREAS AND DISCUSSION POINTS

EPISODE EIGHT: The Microchip!

EPISODE LINK: <https://podcasts.apple.com/au/podcast/busy-bodies-with-mr-snot-bottom/id1458290293?i=1000650281431>

EPISODE SYNOPSIS:

While battling an army of germs, Mr Snotbottom and Samantha discover the difference between bacteria, fungi, and viruses. But as the monstrous Boogzilla returns, Noseferatu seizes the microchip!

LEARNING AREAS: Science, Drama

CAPABILITIES: Critical and Creative Thinking

EXERCISE ONE: WHAT ARE GERMS?

Year Level: Lower/Upper Primary

LEARNING AREA: Science: 1) Biological Science: Living things have different names and parts. 2) Communicating: - Use both general terms and simple, scientific vocabulary to begin to describe their activities and observations.

Q1) While trying to destroy the microchip that has created the zombie boogers, Mr Snotbottom and Samantha encounter some nasty germs. What are some different types of germs?

Answer: Bacteria, fungi, viruses

Q 2) When germs get into our body, they multiply and spread, making more and more germs until our bodies fight them off. What is the name we give to germs spreading through our bodies and making us sick?

Answer: an infection.

Q3) Chicken pox, measles, the flu and colds are types of germs that *use our bodies* to spread. What is this type of germ called?

Answer: A virus.

Q4) A germ that can grow on your skin and in your hair and likes dark, damp places is called..?

Answer: Fungus/Fungii.

Q 5) What is the name for the germ that can multiply without being in a body and can make us very sick with illnesses such as pneumonia in our lungs and pharyngitis in our throats?

Answer: Bacteria

Q 7) Our immune system helps us when we are sick. To fight germs, the immune system makes a type of cell. What is this cell called?

Answer: White blood cells.

EXERCISE TWO

Year Level: Lower Primary/Upper Primary

LEARNING AREA: Drama: Respond and Interpret: 1) Respond to drama and describe some of the characteristics they observe. 2) Respond to drama, expressing what they enjoy and why.

Discussion: There are many different characters in this episode. Can you remember how many different characters there were?

Answer: Eight characters (Narrator, Professor, Baby Boozilla voice, Mr Snotbottom, Samantha, Germ 1, Germ 2, Germ Craig)

How many performers do you think there were providing all the different voices in this episode?

Answer: Two.

How do the performers change their voices to make the characters sound different?

Did you find Craig funny? What did the performers do to make Craig funny?

Prompts: How was his voice different to the other germs? What sorts of silly things did he say? How did the way the other germs react to Craig to make it funnier? Would Craig be as funny if *all* the characters in the scene were just as silly? Why/ Why not?

EXERCISE THREE

Year Level: Upper Primary

Learning Area: Drama - Present and Perform: Perform devised and scripted drama using a range of performance styles, maintaining commitment to role and applying stagecraft.

Practical: Get into groups and have a go at performing the scene below. Take turns playing the different characters. As you perform the scene, think about our discussion on how the actors change their voices to make the characters engaging and funny.

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(Germs begin to surround Mr Snotbottom and Samantha, making strange, scary noises)

Samantha: First, we need to do an analysis on what kind of infection this is! Because an infection could be something like a virus, a bacteria or a fungus!

Mr Sb: Maybe we should just ask them? Excuse me, what infection are you?

Germ Craig: I'm Craig.

Mr Sb: I mean what kind? Are you a bacteria? A virus? A fungus?

Germ Craig: Oh.. I'm a..

Germs 1: Quiet Craig! We're not gonna tell you!

Germ2: Yeah we're not tellin' you! We're gonna multiply and spread through this body and there's nothin you can do about it!

Mr Sb: Mmmm, I wonder if you're a virus. A virus, like a cold, chickenpox, measles or the flu, can't replicate unless it's in a body because it needs the body's cells to spread!

Craig: Hey, I don't need other cells to help *me*! I'm a big boy! I don't even need to wear nappies anymore!

Germs 1: Oh Craig!! Stop giving them clues!!

Samantha: So not a virus then.

Mr Sb: Maybe you're a fungal infection! Fungi don't just grow in the human body! A lot of fungi grow in nature! In fact, we can even eat some fungi like non-poisonous mushrooms and different kinds of mould and yeasts which are used to make butter, cheese and bread!

Samantha: But the kinds of fungi that can get into your skin, hair or warm, damp places like your feet, spread quickly and often feel itchy, annoying and sometimes... smelly...

Germs 1: Well, you'll never know if we're a smelly fungus cause we're not telling!

Germs 2: Yeah, we're not telling!

Germs Craig: Well I don't smell cause I had a bath today and in the bath I played a game where I married my rubber ducky.

Mr Sb: Ha, so you're not a fungus!

Germ 1: Ohhh Craig!!

Germ 2: Can you please just stop talking!