

TEACHER'S SHEET
COVID-19
THE BOXING MATCH

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Tonight, like all other nights, COVID-19 is the main story on the seven o'clock news. But tonight, there is something else. Something more interesting.

Caleb stares at the television as if there's nobody around him. But what could be so interesting tonight? Then I heard...

"Tonight, on the seven o'clock news, we're going to find out a little more about the threat called COVID-19 and what happens when the virus enters our bodies." Now I understand why he is staring at the television like that.

After the seven o'clock news, it is time for bed, but the conversation about COVID-19 is still on Caleb's mind. Mommy puts him to bed and he immediately falls asleep. Deep in his dreams it is time for a boxing match.

Lights are everywhere and loud music can be heard... The arena is packed with viruses and blood cells, all cheering and screaming for the two fighters. In the top corner of the arena, the medical team is ready to help as the fight starts.

In the right-hand corner wearing bright green is COVID-19 and in the left-hand corner White Blood Cell dressed in white. Both are very strong fighters. Who will win the battle?

The rules are explained, and the bell indicates the start of the fight. The fighters walk up to each other. White Blood Cell does not wait. He strikes COVID-19's round body, and he bounces off all the way to the ropes. White Blood Cell's attack is strong. Will he be able to keep it up?

COVID-19 jumps up and storms towards White Blood Cell and punches him in the stomach. White Blood Cell falls onto his knees but is quickly back on his feet. The fight lasts for a long time, the crowd waits in anticipation to see what will happen.

After nine gruelling rounds, White Blood Cell tosses COVID-19 against the ropes. He flings himself back towards White Blood Cell. White Blood Cell is ready for him and doesn't hesitate. He grabs him, picks him up into the air and spins him around. COVID-19 falls onto the mat.

The fight is over, the referee counts COVID-19 out and the medical team just shake their heads. He is out for the count.

White Blood Cell won and the crowd cheers and sings. COVID-19 didn't stand a chance against the White Blood Cell.

Answer the following questions:

1. What time is the news?
 - a. five o'clock
 - b. seven o'clock ✓
 - c. nine o'clock
2. What is the news report about?
 - a. About COVID-19 and what happens in the body. ✓
 - b. About the vaccination against COVID-19.
 - c. That animals are also getting sick from COVID-19
3. Who put Caleb to bed?
 - a. Daddy
 - b. Sister
 - c. Mommy ✓

4. The boxing match that Caleb dreams about is between COVID-19 and who?
 - a. Red Blood Cell
 - b. Blood platelet
 - c. White Blood Cell ✓
5. Which word describes COVID-19's body?
 - a. round ✓
 - b. square
 - c. tall and thin
6. How many rounds did the two boxers fight?
 - a. one round
 - b. nine rounds ✓
 - c. six rounds
7. Who is the virus in the story?
 - a. COVID-19 ✓
 - b. the referee
 - c. White Blood Cell
8. Who counted COVID-19 out?
 - a. the crowd
 - b. White Blood Cell
 - c. the referee ✓
9. Who won the fight?
 - a. Red Blood Cell
 - b. White Blood Cell ✓
 - c. COVID -19
10. From the story, do you know who protects the body from diseases?
 - a. viruses
 - b. red blood cells
 - c. white blood cells ✓