



You are a teacher...

How to explain the disease to Hugo and his friends?

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Teacher,
what is eczema?

An answer in



lessons



It's a skin disease!

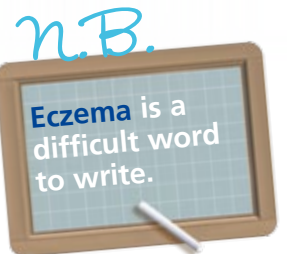
- ✓ The skin is dry. You can tell when you touch it.
- ✓ There are red patches, especially in the folds of the skin : neck, elbows, back of the knees, wrists and behind the ears, etc.



- ✓ The patches are itchy and make you want to scratch a lot, even at night.



- ✓ In the morning, sometimes Hugo is sleepy, doesn't feel well and is often worried.



Teacher, where does eczema come from?

- ✓ It often starts with dry, red patches on babies' cheeks.



- ✓ It's a skin reaction that is too strong to various types of dust in the house or animal fur or plant pollens, etc.
- ✓ Often, there are other people in the family whose nose, eyes or lungs are sensitive to this dust. We say they are allergic.



n.B.

The **family** is the mother, father, brothers and sisters.
Not all young children with eczema have allergic families.



An infant's eczema
starts on the face



Teacher, can you treat eczema?

✓ The skin is dry:



- It has to be moisturized with cream or ointments that protect the skin, like paper film.
- These products can be used in the morning, at night and after showers, and can be applied to the entire body.



✓ The skin is red:



- We say it is inflamed. Anti-inflammatory ointments that are very effective have to be spread over the patches.
- These anti-inflammatory ointments are based on cortisone and are called "dermocorticosteroids".

N.B.

Dermocorticosteroids
are only spread over
lesions.



Eczema **prior**
to treatment

After only
four days of
treatment



Teacher, does Hugo have to take precautions?

✓ When you have eczema, heat bothers you:

- You have to avoid having wool directly touch your skin and turtlenecks that make your neck itch.
- The bedroom and classroom will be aired out in the morning and at night.
- At school, Hugo will sit far away from the radiator.



✓ When you have eczema, some soaps both you:

- There are non-aggressive soaps, referred to as detergent-free, that are soft for the skin.



✓ Sports, of course, are authorized:

- Sports are followed by a quick shower if you've perspired a lot.



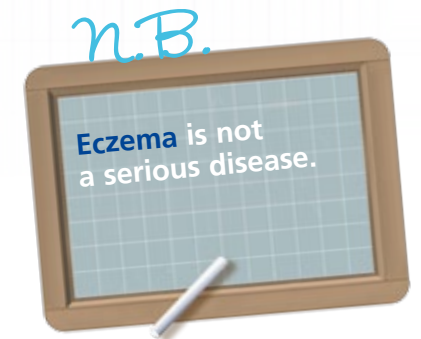
N.B.

Next to the skin,
wear cotton clothing
and take showers
rather than baths.



Teacher, can it be cured?

- ✓ Of course, many children are cured before they turn six.
- ✓ For others, creams and ointments are very effective.
- ✓ Finally, some are fragile, not just in terms of their skin, but also their eyes, nose and lungs. They are "allergic".



Teacher, what is asthma?

- ✓ Asthma is a bronchial disease, which affects the tubes that bring air to your lungs.
- ✓ With asthmatics, you can't tell, but the inside of the bronchial tracts is red, inflamed and the child coughs a lot.
- ✓ The child's bronchial tracts are sensitive to tobacco smoke, dust in mattresses and pillows, and pollution.

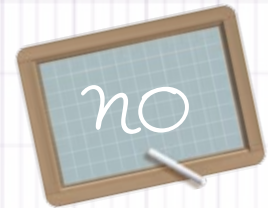


Teacher, a few more question?

✓ Is eczema contagious?



✓ Are vaccinations contraindicated?



✓ Can allergic children play sports?



✓ Do children with eczema have food allergies?

Only a small number (the cafeteria must be informed)



