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Reading Over the Counter Drug Facts Labels

Directions: Use the over the counter drug label to help you answer the following questions.

1. You read on the internet it is important to keep any type of medication out of reach of any young children. You want to help keep your younger brother safe, so you mention to your parents that it would be a great idea to hide the medication in your house in the freezer because it is high up and your brother can't reach there.

A. Should you store this medication in the freezer? (circle one) YES NO

B. Why or why not? _____

C. What section of the label did you look at to find this information? _____

2. You think you have the common cold because you are sneezing and you have a runny nose.

A. Should you be taking this medication? (circle one) YES NO

B. Why or why not? _____

C. What section of the label did you look at to find this information? _____

3. You are playing outside with your 8-year old cousin who has allergies. When you go inside, you notice he is sneezing a lot and he is complaining about his eyes itching. You want to give him ice cream to help him feel better, but your Aunt yells at you because your cousin is lactose intolerant, which means he can't have anything with lactose in it. She wants you to give him this medication instead.

A. Should you give this medication to your cousin? (circle one) YES NO

B. Why or why not? _____

C. What section of the label did you look at to find this information? _____

4. You are babysitting your 5-year old sister and she has an itchy throat and itchy, watery eyes because of her allergies. You want to give her some of this medication to help her feel better.

A. How much should you give her? _____

B. What section of the label did you look at to find this information? _____

5. You are in the medicine aisle at Rite Aid and your mom asks you to pick out the flavor of cough drops you like. You found the cherry flavored ones, but you see the bag is already opened. It is the last bag of the cherry cough drops and it is the only kind you like.

A. Should you buy these cough drops? (circle one) YES NO

B. Why or why not? _____