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### Reading Over the Counter Drug Labels- Alternate Activity

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

1. Should you store this medication in the freezer? (circle one) YES NO
2. Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What section of the label did you look at to find this information? \_\_\_\_\_

You have a cold, and you are sneezing, and you have a runny nose.

1. Should you be taking this medication? (circle one) YES NO
2. Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What section of the label did you look at to find this information? \_\_\_\_\_

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.

1. Should you give this medication to your cousin? (circle one) YES NO
2. Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What section of the label did you look at to find this information? \_\_\_\_\_

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.

1. How much should you give her? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What section of the label did you look at to find this information? \_\_\_\_\_

You found this box of allergy medication in the bottom of your backpack. Everything is still sealed, but you are not sure how long it has been in there.

1. How can you tell if it is still safe to use this medication? \_\_\_\_\_  
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You are in the medicine aisle at a drug store 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.

1. Should you buy these cough drops? (circle one) YES NO
2. Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
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