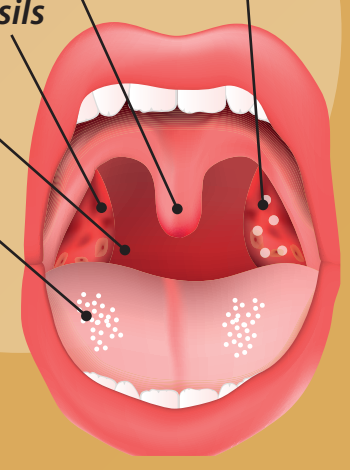
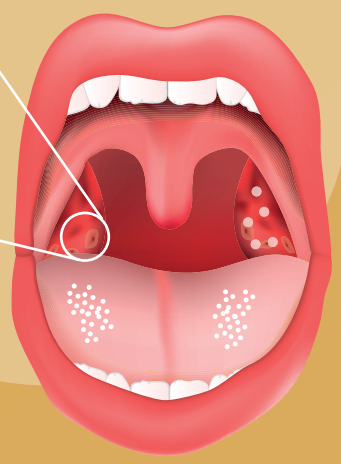
Strep throat and antibiotics

A healthy mouth and throat

Signs of a throat infection



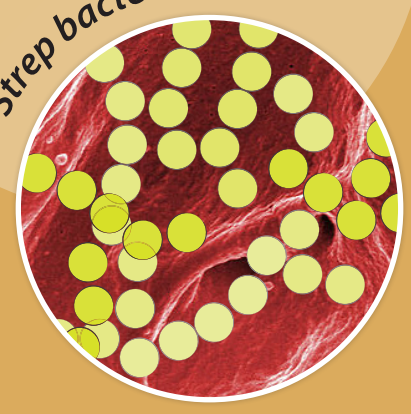
Swab for Strep throat



Day 1

Start antibiotics for Strep throat

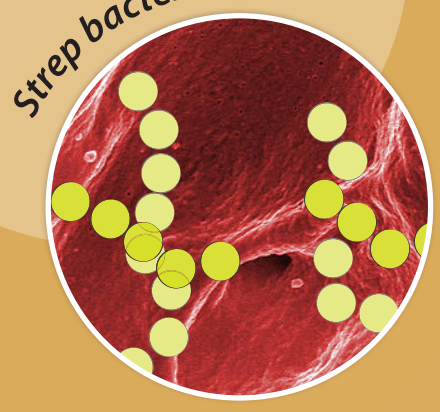
Antibiotics start killing the Strep bacteria



Days 2-5

Feeling better

Antibiotic kills more Strep bacteria and you feel better BUT some of the bacteria are still there



Days 6-10

Strep throat

If you stop the antibiotic before day 10 the Strep bacteria might grow again and you will get sick

Days 6-9

No symptoms

A few Strep bacteria are still in your throat

Day 10

Strep throat fixed

By Day 10 the antibiotic has killed all the Strep bacteria

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