

# Head Lice 101

## Quiz Version 1

1. Which of the following statements best describe the size and color of the human head louse?

- a.) Smaller than nits, but have the same color
- b.) Larger than nits, darker in color
- c.) Similar in size to nits, lighter in color



2. Which of the following statements most accurately describes the viability of a nit?

- a.) Those nits close to the scalp are most likely to hatch
- b.) Many nits on a head indicate an active head lice infestation
- c.) Quantity and quality of nits are not significant for predicting head lice infestation

3. In general, research confirms that most practitioners identify infestations of head lice correctly.

- a.) True
- b.) False

4. Observation of live lice is the only true indicator that a client is infested.

- a.) True
- b.) False



5. Barriers to proper identification of lice infestation :

- a.) Poor lighting
- b.) Diagnosing based on symptoms alone
- c.) Identifying pseudo-nits as live nits
- d.) Identifying inactive infestations as active infestations
- e.) All of the above

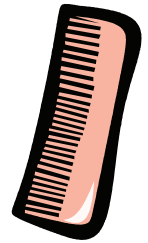


6. The school's role in management of head lice includes the following:

- a.) Routine screening, education and treatment
- b.) Routine screening and education
- c.) Education and treatment
- d.) Education and periodic screening



7. Which statement incorporates a justified response to head lice in a school setting?
- A student must be free of all nits and live lice to remain in school.
  - A student may remain in school for the completion of one school day, but if the student returns to school with nits and no live lice, he/she must be excluded until completely nit free.
  - A student may remain in school with nits and live lice; there is no school policy that excludes students for this condition.
  - A student may remain in school with nits; if there are live lice the student is excluded until there are no live lice visible.
8. The parent's role in head lice management includes periodic head checks at home, treatment for active infestations, and report to school if infestation is suspected.
- True
  - False



*Questions 9 & 10 use this scenario:  
The parent of a female student in a 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom has called the school to report a case of head lice. The mom is very upset  
"I know my child got head lice at school  
and I don't want it to happen again."*

9. The best response for school personnel includes the following:
- The school nurse or other designated personnel should check every child in both 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms because the classes do activities together
  - The school nurse or other designated personnel should send a note home to parents and request they check their children home
  - The school nurse or other designated personnel should check the reported student and siblings of that child for evidence of head lice infestation
  - The school nurse or other designated personnel should check students in the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classroom and siblings for evidence of head lice infestation
10. The best classroom response to limit student risk with head lice includes the following:
- Clean all surfaces and vacuum carpeted areas
  - Limit use of head phones
  - Separate coat storage
  - All of the above
  - None of the above



Answer Key:  
(1)b(2)c(3)b(4)a(5)e(6)d(7)c(8)a(9)c(10)e