BURULI ULCER

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Hello Mary, how are you?

I am fine and what about you?

I am fine thanks.

Why do you look so sad?

My brother’s got buruli ulcer.

What is that?..
WHAT IS BURULI ULCER.

BURULI ULCER IS A SKIN DISEASE?

IT IS CAUSED BY A SMALL "GERM"

THE GERM CAUSES A WOUND WHICH MAY BE SMALL OR BIG.

SOMETIMES, IT HEALS WITH DEFORMITIES.

WELL...
WHERE DOES THE GERM LIVE?

IT LIVES IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

YES, HERE ARE SOME LIKELY PLACES WHERE IT CAN BE FOUND.

STAGNANT WATERS = AREAS WHERE THE WATER DOES NOT MOVE.

NEAR DAMS.
Flooded areas = land that is too wet because of heavy rain.

Irrigated area = land where canals have been dug to carry water for farming.
Do you know that the destruction of the forest could lead to stagnant waters and flooded areas?

And you remember that these are areas where the tiny germ which causes Buruli ulcer lives.

This is why it is important for us to save our forest from destruction!
In which countries can we find Buruli Ulcer?

Buruli Ulcer occurs in many countries around the world.

Can you show me your country on this map?

Now, show me two other countries where Buruli Ulcer occurs.
WHO CAN CATCH BURULI ULCER?

BURULI ULCER CAN AFFECT ANYONE, BUT CHILDREN ARE THE MOST AFFECTED GROUP. EVEN YOU AND I CAN GET BURULI ULCER.

AND WHICH PARTS OF THE BODY DOES BURULI ULCER AFFECT?

BURULI ULCER CAN AFFECT ANY PART OF THE BODY, BUT THE DISEASE MOST OFTEN AFFECTS THE ARMS AND LEGS.
How can you tell if someone has got Buruli ulcer?

Let us flip through this booklet to see how you can spot Buruli ulcer.

That's a good idea.

Here, there is something like a bump; it is called a nodule.

There, it is a wound.

Here, the arm is deformed.
WHERE DO YOU GO IF YOU THINK YOU HAVE BURULU ULCER?

IF YOU HAVE A BUMP, A LARGE SWELLING OR A WOUND ON YOUR BODY, ...

... GO AND SEE THE DOCTOR.

DON'T WAIT! THE DISEASE CAN DAMAGE YOUR BODY. GET EARLY TREATMENT!

THIS BOY IS RIGHT... LET US GO STRAIGHT TO THE DOCTOR TO SHOW YOUR WOUND.

JUST LIKE THIS MOTHER AND HER SON DID; THEY WILL DEFINITELY RECEIVE GOOD TREATMENT.

HEALTH CENTRE
**What Are the Problems of Buruli Ulcer?**

Hey, I can't see John. Is he absent?

Maybe he forgot we come back to school today.

Please sir, do you know when John will come back to school?

Just before the holidays, he had a swelling on his leg and it quickly turned into wounds. I think his parents waited too long before they took him to see the doctor.

But he will still be able to play with us!

I think so. He had a big operation and he will be in the hospital for a long time.
Buruli ulcer is a serious disease if not treated early.

Here are some examples of serious Buruli ulcer.

But people with deformities can also participate in the community.
PREVENTION (WHAT SHOULD YOU DO NOT TO CATCH BURULI ULCER OR NOT TO LET IT BECOME WORSE ONCE YOU GET IT?)

PREVENTION STARTS WITH GOOD BODILY HYGIENE AND PROMPT TREATMENT OF ALL INJURIES.

EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW THIS.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE WOUND ON MY SON’S LEG? I THINK IT IS BURULI ULCER.

MY DAUGHTER ALSO HAD BURULI ULCER ON HER LEG BUT NOW SHE IS CURED.

REALLY! HOW WAS SHE CURED?

WE WENT TO SEE THIS DOCTOR EARLY.

THAT IS WONDERFUL, I AM GOING TO TAKE MY CHILD STRAIGHT THERE.

WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO COME WITH YOU?
How can the community help?

So what can we do about Buruli ulcer in our community?

Let's invite the doctors to come and help us.

If you see anything unusual on your body, see the doctor immediately.
Remember...

Buruli ulcer is a serious disease.

Buruli ulcer can be treated.

So don't wait... see your doctor early.

Now that you have learnt a lot about Buruli ulcer, show this book...

... to your friends and tell them about the disease.

Good bye.
GAME: ON THE TRACK OF BURULI ULCER

WRITE "BU" IN THE LITTLE CIRCLES UNDER THE DRAWINGS TO SHOW PLACES WHERE YOU MIGHT CATCH BURULI ULCER.
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Answers to the game on page 16: .BL", on the images 1, 3 and 5
YOU SHOULD HAVE WRITTEN "BL" ON THE IMAGES 1, 3 AND 5.