



“Reading Series 2 - Head Lice” @ <http://www.youtube.com/ESL4free>

It can be inferred that lice are a problem because..

- A. they feed on the blood.
- B. they are most likely to infest young girls.
- C. they are easily transmitted.
- D. they are carried through the air.

### Reading Text - Head Lice:

Head lice are tiny, flightless parasites which infest human hair, spread quickly, and chew on the human scalp in order to feed on the blood. While these parasites are not dangerous for any reason, they spread from person to person quickly, and can be very irritating. Their bites can even lead a child to scratch themselves into infection. Lice are most prevalent in girls, occurring between the ages of 3 and 12. Because they spread rapidly, getting rid of them quickly, and especially before their young hatch, is the most effective way to keep the home free of any occurrence. Lice perish quickly once they are off the body, so dealing with them is not a significant issue.

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### SOME WORDS AND EXPRESSIONS IN THE TEXT

**Infest:** spread in large numbers causing a problem (e.g.: A sea infested with sharks).

**Parasite:** an organism that lives on and feeds off another organism.

**Prevalent:** occurring or happening very often (e.g.: a fashion that is prevalent among teenagers).

**Scalp:** the skin on the top part of the head usually covered by hair.