

## Read and view

### Read an information text <sup>crazy</sup>

Read about an illness called malaria.

#### Before you read

1. Work in pairs. Look at the pictures in the information text below but don't read the **captions**. Ask each other questions about the pictures.

Example: **What is the mosquito doing to the person?**  
**Which parts of the body is it biting?**

2. There is one main heading. What is it?

3. How many smaller headings are there? Read them out loud.

#### While you read

Use the pictures to help you understand the information text.

#### Word list

**captions** – words below a picture that explain what the picture shows

## Malaria

### What is it?

Malaria is an illness. It is caused by tiny creatures, called **parasites** that live in people's blood. The malaria mosquito bites people and drinks their blood. It carries parasites from one person to another when it bites them.

### What happens if you have it?

People who have malaria feel either too hot or too cold. They **sweat** and shake and get headaches and sore muscles. Sometimes they **vomit**.

### Is it dangerous?

Between 1 and 2.5 million people die of malaria every year, many of them in Africa.

### How do you prevent it?

You can take medicine so you don't get malaria. You can also protect yourself by sleeping under a net.



This is the malaria mosquito drinking blood from someone's arm.



The mosquito is still thirsty. It bites someone else and leaves parasites in their blood.