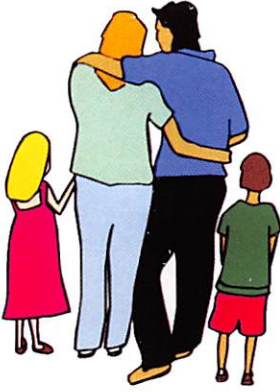




- Hello my name is Larry and I am a head louse.
- I am a very small insect with no wings.
- I cannot jump or fly.
- I can move very fast.



- I like any type and colour of hair.
- I like long, short, clean or dirty hair.
- The only heads that I don't live on are the ones without any hair at all!



- If I am not found, I will lay 7-8 eggs each night.
- My eggs will hatch 7-10 days later.
- My empty white egg shell will remain glued to your hair.
- These empty shells are called "nits".

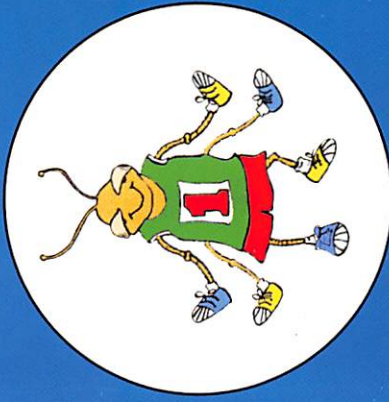


- My family grows up very quickly.
- In 7-10 days they too can have babies of their own.



- I often move house.
- I do this when heads touch.
- I move from head to head very quickly.

Looking for Larry



Headlice Information Leaflet

1. I move from head to head often, so it is important that you look for me all the time.
2. You may not realise that I am there because I like playing hide and seek and I don't always make your head itch.
3. I am not easy to find, so mums/dads, grandmas/grandads, brothers and sisters must look for me at least three times each week.

4. If I am on your head you will find me by following these easy steps.

- Wash your hair with your usual shampoo.
- Apply plenty of conditioner, this makes combing easier.
- Untangle your hair with your usual comb/brush.
- In daylight or a well lit room use a fine tooth comb to examine the hair bit by bit.

- For the best effect ensure that the teeth of the comb remain in contact with your scalp for as long as possible.
- After each stroke carefully check the comb to see if I am there.
- Regular combing is extremely important in detecting headlice and should be done 2-3 times a week
- Remember to get grown-ups to also check their hair in this way, as this problem can effect everyone!

If live lice are found seek advice from your pharmacist/GP for appropriate treatment

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