Colds

A. Reading

Pedro has a cold. His nose is stuffed up, he coughs a lot, and he has a sore throat. He felt fine last night, but now he is very sick. Pedro wants to go home and rest, but he can’t. He is an accountant and payroll is due today. He needs to print and sign payroll checks so the employees get paid on time.

Pedro’s boss went on a business trip to Springfield, Illinois. He won’t be back until next week. Before he left, he asked Pedro to take care of the office. There are twenty office workers, and they are all very busy. Hopefully, they won’t catch Pedro’s cold. If the employees catch colds, they might take several days off work.

B. True or False

1. _______ Pedro is sick.
2. _______ All twenty office workers are busy.
3. _______ Pedro’s boss is on vacation.
4. _______ An accountant needs to be good at math.
5. _______ Employees get payroll checks.

C. Yes or No – Share your opinion.

1. _______ Pedro should stay at work.
2. _______ Pedro should go home immediately and eat chicken soup.
3. _______ The employees should avoid touching their nose, eyes, and mouth.
4. _______ Pedro should cover his mouth when he coughs.
5. _______ It’s okay if the employees get paid late.

D. Writing – What do you do when you have a cold?

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