

Vocabulary Words

Definitions

cerebral malaria	this grave complication of malaria involves infection of the very small capillaries that flow through the tissues of the brain. It has a fatality rate of 15% or more, even when treated and is extremely serious.
congenital malaria	malaria which is acquired from the mother at birth.
dread	to fear or be afraid of something
endemic	A disease that exists permanently in a particular region or population.
epidemic	An outbreak of disease that attacks many peoples at about the same time and may spread through one or several communities.
infect	to pass on an illness or disease
Insecticide	A chemical used to kill insects
malaria	A disease that is caused by a parasite (called plasmodium) that enters the body through the bite of a mosquito. A person with malaria has attacks of chills, fever, and sweating that happen over and over again. Malaria is often seen in tropical climates. Malaria is pandemic in Sub-Saharan Africa.
mosquito	A type of winged insect that is related to the fly. Female mosquitoes suck blood for food and may carry diseases, such as malaria.
pandemic	When an epidemic spreads throughout the world.
parasite	a living organism that must have a host to survive
recover	to get well after being sick
regrets	having doubts about your actions or not sure
spread	to increase or to take up more and more space
Sub-Saharan	Lands in Africa which are located south of the Sahara Desert