

# Do Mosquitos Like *You*?

## Use the News

### Comprehension Check

Answer these questions about this week's news story.

Write your answers on the lines.



1. How many different chemical odors are given off by the human body?  

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2. How do scientists plan to use the information they have learned about chemicals that repel mosquitoes?  

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3. Why is it so difficult to create a repellent that will stay on human skin?  

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4. What is the name of the chemical found in many repellents that can be unsafe when used in large amounts?  

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### How Well Did You Read?

Circle each statement below that tells something *true* about this week's news story.

5. Mosquitoes are attracted to some people more than others.
6. Scientists have discovered hundreds of chemicals that repel mosquitoes.
7. Scientists hope to make new repellents that "copy" smells that keep mosquitoes away.
8. The new repellents might be available in stores next month.
9. A repellent that evaporates will not repel mosquitoes for very long.
10. DEET is a natural chemical that can help keep mosquitoes away.

### Think About the News

The news story describes Earth's air as a "soup" of chemicals. Why do you think the news writer used the word "soup" to describe our air? Write your response on the back of this page.