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Study the vocabulary words and definitions below.

acquired immunodeficiency

syndrome (AIDS) HIV infection combined with severe immune deficiency; also written as *acquired immune deficiency syndrome* and as *acquired immunodeficiency virus syndrome*

antibiotics drugs that destroy some disease-producing organisms in the body

antibodies cells that destroy certain disease-causing organisms

bacteria one-celled organisms that can be good or bad for the health of the body

casual sex having sex with someone you do not know very well or having sex with someone just for the physical pleasure; there is no attachment or commitment between the two people

condom covering worn over the penis or in the vagina during sexual intercourse to trap sperm; a method of birth control and disease protection

contraceptives devices or methods for avoiding pregnancy and disease

ectopic pregnancy abnormal condition that occurs in the female when a Fallopian tube becomes blocked and an embryo begins to grow there

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- heterosexual** a person who feels sexual desire for the opposite sex
- homosexual** a person who feels sexual desire for the same sex
- human immunodeficiency virus (HIV)** organism that causes AIDS
- immune system** system in body that helps protect us from disease and infection
- infectious** describes a disease that can be caught or spread
Example: any STD
- monogamous** describes a relationship in which two people are sexually faithful to each other
- noninfectious** describes a disease that cannot be caught or spread from one person to another
Example: cancer
- parasites** organisms that live off living cells
- pathogens** very small organisms that cause diseases
- precautions** steps taken to reduce risks
Examples: using condoms and being monogamous to prevent the spread of STDs
- sexual abstinence** not having sexual contact; a method of birth control and disease protection

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sexual intercourse genital contact between individuals;
sexual contact with vagina, penis, anus
or mouth

sexually transmitted

diseases (STDs) diseases that are caught or spread
through sexual contact
Examples: acquired immunodeficiency
syndrome (AIDS), chlamydia,
gonorrhea, syphilis, genital herpes,
genital warts, trichomoniasis, scabies,
pubic lice

symptom a sign of a particular disease or illness
Examples: fever, sore throat, headache

transmitted passed from person to person

virus a tiny disease-causing organism
Example: human immunodeficiency
virus (HIV)