

It's the small things in life: Chicken and *Campylobacter*

Student activity sheet

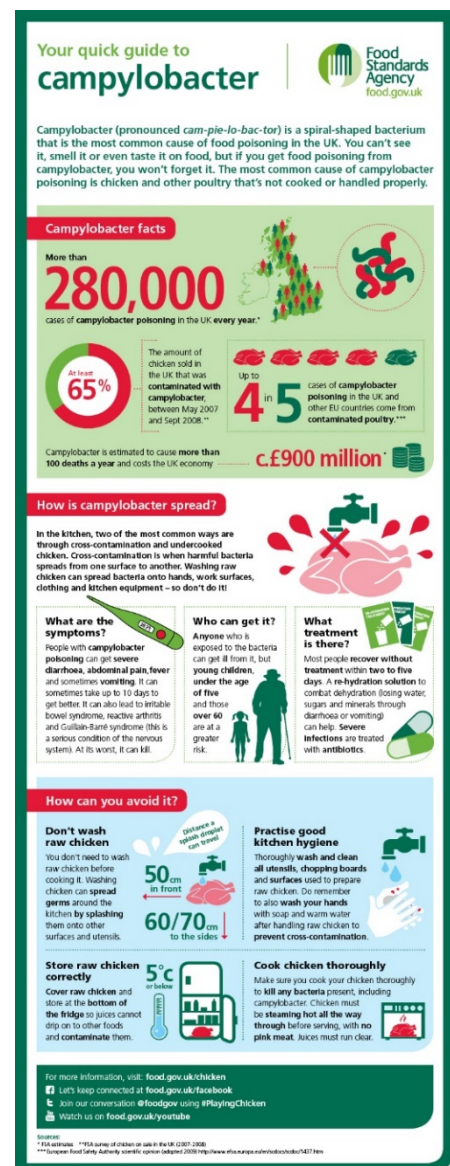
Introduction

Many thousands of people get infected with *Campylobacter* every year in the UK, and all over the world – and it makes them feel very ill. For most people the infection doesn't last long, but for some people it is fatal.

Most *Campylobacter* infections in the UK (caused by *Campylobacter jejuni* and *Campylobacter coli* specifically) come from contaminated poultry. The Food Standards Agency (FSA) has created an infographic that explains *Campylobacter* infections and how to avoid them. You can download this infographic (Figure 1) from <http://www.food.gov.uk/sites/default/files/campylobacter-infographic.pdf>.

Activities

1. Summarise the information in the infographic – how many pieces of information can you find?
2. Use this information either to plan a video clip to post on YouTube or to make a simplified poster to be sent home with every student. Your aim is to raise awareness of the need to handle and cook chicken with care.
3. Plan, produce and carry out a survey to discover how much chicken your classmates, family and friends actually eat. You might also find out how many people have had a 'tummy bug' after eating chicken at home or when out for a meal. Choose the best way to display your data and share your findings with the rest of your group.



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Figure 1 FSA infographic on *Campylobacter*.