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Use the internet and any other information you have available to answer the following questions below about epilepsy. Young Epilepsy's website is a good place to start – youngepilepsy.org.uk.

After you have completed this task, you could use the information to make a presentation or information leaflet about epilepsy in children and young people.

1. What is the definition of epilepsy?

2. How many children aged 18 and under have epilepsy in the UK?

3. What is a seizure?

4. Give two examples of what can happen to someone with epilepsy during a focal onset seizure?

5. What will happen to someone when they have a tonic clonic seizure?

6. What will happen to someone when they have an absence seizure?



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7. What should you do to help keep someone safe during a seizure?

8. What is anti-seizure medication?

9. What are the side effects of antiseizure medication?

10. What is a seizure trigger?

11. Can you grow out of epilepsy and not have it as an adult?

12. Name at least 3 famous people who have epilepsy or used to have it.

13. What is the difference between a generalised onset and a focal onset seizure?



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14. What might happen to someone having a focal onset seizure in the occipital lobe of the brain?

15. What might happen to someone having a focal onset seizure in the parietal lobe of the brain?

16. Besides antiseizure medication, name at least one other treatment for epilepsy and describe how it works.

17. What causes epilepsy?

18. What is an electroencephalogram (EEG)?

19. What do seizure alerts dogs do to help people with epilepsy?

