

ELINOR WONDERS WHY

EP 133 These Sneezes

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Elinor's Question: What made Olive sneeze?

Logline: When Olive's sneezing disrupts their game of tag, Elinor tries to figure out what made her sneeze.

Curriculum Goals:

LS2 - Understand that animals have different body parts that are used in different ways to meet their needs, and that plants have different parts that help them survive and grow. Identify body parts of animals and their function. (Elinor discovers that sneezes help get unwanted things out of your nose.)

SEP4 - Analyzing and interpreting data. (d.) Talk about and reflect on what happened during an investigation or when solving a problem, and why it might have happened. (Elinor and her friends deduce that the pollen is causing Olive to sneeze).

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1. EXT. PARK - VARIOUS AREAS - DAY

Walking along a PARK PATH, OLIVE and ARI are with ELINOR as she pulls a WAGON filled with some POTTED FLOWERS. Ari is a bundle of energy, dashing all around as they go, hopping onto a bench off the path before hopping back down, circling the wagon as they walk, etc. *

1	OLIVE	1	*
	I loooovvved helping your Mom and		*
	the other Park Rangers plant		*
	flowers in the park today, Elinor.		*

2	ELINOR	2	*
	Me too, And Mom said we could plant		*
	these extra ones they had in our		*
	garden at home.		*

3	ARI	3	*
	That's great! <i>Buuut...</i> there's no		*
	<i>rush</i> to get them home, is there?		*

Elinor stops pulling the wagon, filled with realization.

4	ELINOR	4	*
	No. Why?		*

Olive and Ari both smile, expectantly. Full persuasion mode.

5	ARI	5	*
	Becauuuuuse... then we could have a		*
	game of TAG! Right now!		*

6	OLIVE (PICKING UP ON HIS THOUGHT)	6	*
	Oooh, that would be fun.		*

7	ELINOR (EXCITED)	7	*
	Yeah! Who's it?		*

8	ARI	8	
	I am! Ha ha!		

Elinor and Olive both scatter, running and <LAUGHING!>

SERIES OF SHOTS - showing Ari chasing after Olive and Elinor. The kids dart around some park objects nearby: the PARK BENCH, some ROCKS, and some BUSHES lining the path. Ari comes close to tagging Elinor's ears, but she retracts them just in time to avoid being tagged, and she dash off.

9	ARI	9	
	Oh, missed by an ear!		

Olive crouches stealthily behind the bushes, trying not to be seen by Ari. She shuffles to the side to look for him -- only to hear Ari flutter into view and land right behind her.

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10      ARI                                     10
      Gotcha!
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He reaches to tag Olive, but she leaps backward just in time. But as she lands, she stumbles backward--

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11             OLIVE                                     11
Whoaa-oaaa-oaaa...
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--right into the WAGON, landing bum-first in it amongst the pots of flowers: <WHOMP!> One pot flies upward and lands in her lap. The other pots shift position, but none get knocked over. Before she can get up, Ari swoops over to tag her.

12	ARI	12
	Tag! You're it!	

13	OLIVE	13
Awww.	<giggle>	*

With the potted flower just beneath her trunk, Olive's trunk suddenly TWITCHES. She builds up to a sneeze, which she trumpets out: <Aaaa-aaaaa-aaaaAAAAAAA-CHOOOO!!!>

The force of Olive's sneeze causes the wagon to roll off down the path -- which is on a slight hill leading downward. Elinor rushes up to join Ari a beat after the wagon exits.

14 ELINOR 14
Whoa! Stop that wagon!

Elinor and Ari both give chase.

Olive continues to <AAA-CHOOO!> as the wagon rolls along,
startling a few RANDOM PARK GOERS as they pass. *

15	ARI	15	*
	Look out! Sneezing elephant coming		*
	through!		*

The GOAT TWINS stop walking as Ari and Elinor race past them after the Olive in the wagon. <AAA-CHOO!> The force of Olive's sneeze slides the twins apart. *

16	ELINOR	16	*
	Hi Liv, Hi Mary!		*

MARTHA COW is doing YOGA beneath a TREE. The kids race past. *
<AAAA-CHOO!> A BUNCH OF LEAVES shake off and cover Martha.

17	ARI	17	*
	Sorry about that, Martha.		*

SALLY BEAVER is trying to fly her KITE in the park, but
there's zero wind. The kids race past her. <AAA-CHOOO!> The
blast from Olive's sneeze billows Sally's kite up into the
air, and she happily flies it around.

18	ELINOR	18	*
	Wow, nice kite, Sally.		*

ON THE WAGON - about to roll off the path and into the POND!

Ari is the first to reach the wagon. He grabs it with his feet, and extends his wings outward to buffer the wind and slow the wagon down a bit. Elinor then reaches Ari and grabs hold of him to add extra slowing power. Together, they pull the wagon to a stop just before the it lands in the water.

Ari lets go of the wagon, falling backwards onto Elinor onto the ground. All three friends are relieved: <whew!>

As Ari and Elinor stand, Olive steps out of the wagon, still holding the potted flower. She sneezes again: <AAAA-CHOOO!>

Putting the potted flower down on the wagon, she steps out.

19 ARI (OUT OF BREATH) 19 *
Whoa THAT was fun. Are you okay, *
Olive?

20 OLIVE (A BIT STUFFED UP) 20 *
Yeah. I was on a *roll* there, wasn't *
I? *

The friends <giggle>. Elinor takes the handle, brings the wagon back to the path, and starts leading her friends along it again.

21 ARI (TO OLIVE, A BIT OUT OF BREATH) 21 *
That was some EPIC sneezing too. *

Olive pats her trunk, proudly.

22 OLIVE (PROUDLY, A BIT STUFFED UP) 22 *

Thanks! I've always had a strong *

trunk. *

23 ELINOR (TO OLIVE) 23
What made you sneeze so much? *

24	OLIVE (STUFFINESS CLEARING)	24	*
	I don't know. All of a sudden I		*
	just started sneezing like crazy!		*

25	ELINOR	25	*
	When I sneeze, right before I go		
	'aaa-choo', my nose gets all		
	tickly.		
26	OLIVE	26	*
	So does my trunk.		
27	ARI	27	*
	And my nose. Something must have		*
	tickled your nose, Olive.		
Ari stops walking, and so does Olive and Elinor. Ari looks at			*
Olive's nose, closely.			*
28	ARI	28	*
	Did a bird land on it?		*
29	OLIVE	29	*
	No.		
30	ARI	30	*
	Did two birds land on it?		
31	OLIVE	31	*
	No. And three birds didn't land on		*
	it either.		*
32	ARI	32	*
	Hmm. I'm thinking it's not birds,		*
	then...		
33	ELINOR	33	*
	Something tickled Olive's nose and		*
	made her sneeze. That's sooo		*
	interesting. What was it? We have		*
	to find out.		
34	ARI	34	*
	How are we going to learn more		*
	about sneezing?		*
35	ELINOR (TO OLIVE)	35	*
	Does your nature book talk about		*
	it?		*
Olive pulls out her NATURE BOOK and quickly flips through it.			*
36	OLIVE	36	*
	No, it doesn't have anything about		*
	sneezing.		*

37	ELINOR	37	*
	Then we'll find a book that does.		*
	To the library!		*

Elinor resumes pulling the wagon of potted flowers down the path, followed by Ari and Olive. WIPE TO: *

2. EXT. LIBRARY - DAY

CLOSE ON THE WAGON coming to a stop at the foot of the library steps. GOING WIDER, we see Elinor, Ari, and Olive racing up the steps.

3. INT. LIBRARY - FRONT DESK - LATER

The library door opens, and Elinor, Ari, and Olive enter.

FRONT DESK - the trio approach the Librarian, MR. ANTELOPE, a sensitive but joyful twenty-something male antelope.

38	ELINOR	38	
	Hi Mr. Antelope.		

39	MR. ANTELOPE	39	*
	Elinor, Olive, aaaaand...Andrew?		*

40	ARI	40	*
	Ari.		*

41	MR. ANTELOPE	41	*
	Wait, don't tell me... Austin?		*

42	ARI	42	*
	It's Ari.		*

43	MR. ANTELOPE	43	*
	Is it... Ari?		*

44	ARI	44	*
	Wow, how did you guess?		*

Mr. Antelope and the kids all <CHUCKLE>. *

45	ELINOR	45	*
	Mr. Antelope, we need to find a book about something that almost made our wagon roll into the pond: SNEEZING.		*

46	MR. ANTELOPE	46	*
	Ahh, sneezing. Wait: roll into a pond? Really? Huh! Well. Anyway, sneezing <u>is</u> a fascinating subject.		*
	(MORE)		*

MR. ANTELOPE (CONT'D)

I can definitely help you aaa-
choose the right book.

The kids all <GIGGLE>. Mr. Antelope flips through BORROWING
CARDS INDEX of checked-out books, and reacts happily.

47 MR. ANTELOPE 47

Let's see... Oh, good! The book I'm
thinking of hasn't been checked
out... (recalling) for quite a
while in fact. That means it's on
the shelf! Walk this way, please.

He comes out from behind his desk and makes deliberate
'hopping' motions away, pretending to cross between rocks on
the surface of a "pond" (the floor).

48 MR. ANTELOPE 48

Or rather, *hop* this way. Across the
"rocks". Wouldn't want to fall in
the "pond".

<GIGGLING> the kids mimic his hopping as they follow him.

4. INT. LIBRARY - AISLES / KIDS AREA - MOMENTS LATER

Mr. Antelope hop-leads them across the library. The kids
happily follow him hop for hop. The all stop as Ari feigns
almost "falling in" after one hop, before righting himself.

49 ARI 49

Whooooaa! Whew. Almost fell in!

A LIBRARY PATRON gently <SFX: SHUSHES> the kids as they pass.

50 ELINOR (HUSHED) 50

Sorry! <quiet giggling>

AT THE KIDS AREA - Mr. Antelope finishes hopping as he leads
the kids (who stopping hopping as well) to some low
bookshelves displaying PICTURE BOOKS, plus a variety of
seating options in the READING NOOK, like club chairs and
floor pillows for young visitors to kick back with a book.

Mr. Antelope stops at one particular LOW BOOKSHELF, where we
can see books with covers showing different animal body parts
on them: A WING, a PAW, an EYE, etc. (we don't immediately
see one with a cover of a NOSE yet).

51 MR. ANTELOPE 51

Here we go: kids books about parts
of the body. The one you want is
called "All About Noses".

52 ELINOR 52
Thanks, Mr. Antelope.

53 MR. ANTELOPE 53

You're welcome. If you need any
more help, you "nose" who to call.

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The kids <GIGGLE> again as Mr. Antelope exits. Elinor gets up close to the shelf, looking intently. She scans the books, and reacts with a smile at finding the one she wants.

54 ELINOR 54
Here it is: "All About Noses".

Gently, she pulls it off the shelf, and shows it to Ari and Olive. The cover shows a variety of ANIMAL NOSES: A DOG NOSE, RABBIT NOSE, PIG NOSE, etc. The book cover looks a bit hazy, not as sharp as you'd expect with those vibrant images on it.

Elinor wipes her finger over the cover, wiping that area clean and leaving DUST on her finger.

55 ELINOR 55 *
 Hmm. It really hasn't been checked *
 out in a while. It's soooo dusty. *

56 ARI 56
I'll fix that! <blows>

Ari BLOWS on the cover, causing some DUST to fly off and form a little DUST CLOUD around Olive! Her nose twitches, and she sneezes: <Aaaa-aaaaa-aaAA-CHOOO!!!>

Olive sneezes close to the book, blowing some remaining dust off it onto Ari's face. Suddenly, Ari's nose gets twitchy, and he sneezes: <Aaaa-aaaaa-aaAA-CHOOO!!!>

Ari's sneeze blows back at the book, sending more dust off it, this time at Elinor, who gets a mini DUST CLOUD around her. Her ears waggle, nose twitches, and then she sneezes: <Aaaa-aaaa-aaAA-CHOOO!!!>

Off Elinor's sneeze, the mini dust clouds blow around all three of the kids now, causing them all to wave their hands to try and disperse the dust. Now they ALL sneeze: <Aaaa-aaa-aaAAA-CHOOOO!!!>

LOW BOOKSHELF - the trio's sneezing causes the precariously balanced books to TOPPLE onto their sides like dominos.

The kids' hand waving quickly disperses the mini dust clouds and they stop sneezing. Ari pats his nose for reassurance.

57 ARI 57
 Whew. Still there. I sneezed so
 hard I thought my nose blew off!

58 ELINOR 58 *
 So all of us sneezed... That is so
 interesting! What happened?

The kids move back to the LOW BOOKSHELF, where Elinor rights
 the books on the shelf again, and then the kids mime the
 actions that led up to their sneezing.

59 OLIVE 59
 (good-naturedly)
 Well, first, some bat we know blew
 a whole bunch of dust at me.

60 ARI 60
 Sorry. Didn't mean to blow so hard.

61 OLIVE 61
 It got right in my trunk!

62 ELINOR 62 *
 And that's when you sneezed.

Elinor makes sweeping 'dust cloud' gestures with her arms.

63 ELINOR 63
 Your sneeze caused some dust to
 blow at me, and then I sneezed,
 which blew some dust at Ari. *

64 ARI 64
 And then I sneezed-and-almost-lost-
 my-nose-but-didn't. *

Elinor returns to the dusty book, which still has areas of *
 dust on it, and wipes her finger along it. *

65 ELINOR 65 *
 So the dust must have been what *
 made us sneeze. *

Ari and Olive do the same with their fingers (for Olive who *
 has no fingers, she uses the end of her 'arm'). They look *
 closely at their fingers, curiously. *

66 OLIVE 66 *
 It's not making me sneeze now. *

67 ARI 67 *
 Me neither. Maybe it smells funny. *

He sniffs his finger. The dust he wiped onto it flies up into the air around his nose. Instantly, he SNEEZES: <AAA-CHOO!>

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68 ELINOR (REALIZING)
A-ha! It's when it gets IN your
nose!

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The three friends share an intrigued look.

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5. INT. LIBRARY - FRONT DESK - MOMENTS LATER

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With Elinor carrying the book, the kids return to the front desk where Mr. Antelope awaits them.

69 MR. ANTELOPE
The Sneeze Squad returns. Did you
find the answer you were looking
for?

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70 ELINOR
Yep. We figured out why we sneeze.
We sneeze when we get dust in our
noses.

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Mr. Antelope smiles proudly, then opens the book, and flips through the pages, stopping on a specific one.

71 MR. ANTELOPE
That's a good theory, Elinor. Let's
check it out.

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ON THE PAGE - showing a CROSS SECTION DIAGRAM OF A DOG NOSE.

72 MR. ANTELOPE (O.S.)
This is a side drawing of a dog's
nose and what the inside looks
like.

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We hear the kids give <INTRIGUED REACTIONS>.

BACK ON THE GROUP - Mr. Antelope looks up from the book to point at all three of the kids' noses, and his own, in turn.

73 MR. ANTELOPE
But rabbit, bat, elephant, and
antelope noses all work in pretty
much the same way.

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BACK ON THE PAGE - the cross section starts to ANIMATE, with DUST entering through the nostrils. It lodges in the nasal cavity wall, which RIPPLES slightly (to show it's irritated).

74 MR. ANTELOPE (O.S.) 74
 When dust gets in your nose, it
 makes it feel all tickly inside.
 That's your body's way of saying:
 "I don't want this dust in here".

We hear a <DOG SNEEZE> accompanied by MOVING AIR LINES
 entering the cross section image from the far side of the
 drawing, dislodging the dust from the nasal cavity wall, and
 blasting it out the nostrils.

75 MR. ANTELOPE (O.S.) 75
 So to get it out, the body blasts
 it out with a big gush of air.
 That's what a sneeze is!

BACK ON THE GROUP - Ari and Olive turn to Elinor, elated.

76 OLIVE 76
 You were right, Elinor.

77 ARI 77
 Yeah. You knew it was dust.

78 MR. ANTELOPE 78
 But dust isn't the only thing that
 can tickle your nose and make you
 sneeze. Other things can as well.

Elinor looks at the book, then at Mr. Antelope. *

79 ELINOR 79
 Wow! I want to read more about
 that, Mr. Antelope. (knowingly) I'd
 like to sign out this book
 "sneeze", I mean please. *

They all <GIGGLE>. *

80 MR. ANTELOPE 80
 You got it. Thank you for a-choos-
 ing your local library. *

Elinor hands him her LIBRARY CARD. Smiling, he takes the book
 scans its barcode, then Elinor's card, and <STAMPS> the book. *

81 ELINOR 81
 Thanks. *

The trio head out of the library.

6. EXT. LIBRARY - DAY

The kids bound down the library steps to the wagon full of potted flowers, which Ari prepares to cart away.

82 ARI 82
Wagon, it's time to hit the road.

Elinor stops him.

83 ELINOR 83

Wait, Ari. We still need to find
out what made Olive sneeze in the
park.

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84	ARI	84	*
	I bet it was dust that time too.		

85	OLIVE	85	*
	Yeah! There must be dust on the		*
	wagon.		*

Olive looks closely at the wagon itself. She wipes the end of
her arm along it and looks for dust residue. There isn't any.

86	OLIVE	86	*
	Huh. No dust. The wagon's clean.		*

87 ELINOR 87 *

So something else made you sneeze. *

What could it be? Let's think back *

to what happened in the park... *

88 OLIVE (PONDERING) 88
When I sneezed that time, I was
sitting in your wagon. Like this.

She adjusts some potted flowers and sits in the wagon as before. Elinor takes the flower pot Olive was holding earlier out of the cart, and hands it to her to hold in her lap.

89 ELINOR 89
And you were holding this flower.

CLOSE ON OLIVE - the flower close to her face. Suddenly, her trunk twitches. She sneezes again: <Aaaaaa-aaah-aaAAA-CHOO!!!>

Ari and Elinor both grab the wagon handle so when Olive sneezes, the wagon only rolls a tiny bit before Ari and Elinor's anchoring brakes it to a stop.

Curiously, Olive glances down at the flower, sniffs it -- and her trunk twitches again. She's filled with realization.

90 OLIVE 90
I think the flower is what's making
me sneeze.

Olive <SNIFFS> it, and immediately <AAA-CHOOOS!> again. Ari
and Elinor anchor the wagon again by its handle so it only
rolls a little bit again before stopping. Elinor then leans
in to get a closer look at Olive.

CLOSE ON OLIVE - she has a bit of YELLOW POWDER (POLLEN) on
the end of her trunk. Same color as the flower.

91 ELINOR 91
There's something on your nose! But
it isn't dust, it's yellow. Same
color as the flower...

Elinor looks down at the flower now.

CLOSE ON THE FLOWER - there's a bit of POLLEN on its petals.

92 ELINOR (O.S.) 92
Because it's from the flower - I
see some here too. You must have
got some in your nose.

Olive wipes her trunk off and eyes the yellow powder residue. *

93 OLIVE 93 *
What is it? *

94 ELINOR 94 *
Maybe the book can tell us. *

Ari quickly opens the book about noses and flips through it. *

95 ARI 95 *
Let's see...A-ha! There's a section
that talks about different things
that can make you sneeze. *

Elinor rushes up to look at the book again well. *

96 ELINOR 96 *
Dust... getting a cold... pollen...
(realizes) That's it! POLLEN! It's
the powdery stuff on flowers! Pollen
is what made you sneeze, Olive! *

Olive brushes the pollen off the end of her arm, and it
floats in the air by her nose. She sneezes again: <AAA-CHOO!>
Olive's sneeze moves the wagon away, but not far as Elinor
and Ari grab the handle and counterweight it to a stop. *

97 ELINOR 97
 Whooa!...

Elinor puts the handle down and takes the potted flower from Olive, who steps out of the wagon and walks a few steps away.

98 OLIVE 98

Okay, now I know which kind of
flower not to get close to.

Elinor beams triumphantly.

99 ELINOR 99
We did it! We figured out what made
Olive sneeze!

Off that, Elinor breaks into SONG! Visually, she gestures to the noses of herself and her friends in turn, and to the potted flowers in the wagon.

SONG: "SNEEZE IT OUT"

100 ELINOR, OLIVE, ARI 100
 (singing)

ELINOR: Your nose is for smelling
And also for breathing
When something gets in your nose

ARI-(sung-spoken) Like dust! *

OLIVE-(sung-spoken) Or pollen! *

ELINOR: That gets you sneezing!

ALL: A-choo, achoo-hoo-hoo!
Blow it out, hooray, woo-hoo!

ALL: When something gets in your
nose
You have to get it out
Your body goes a-choo
That's what sneezing's all about!

SONG ENDS.

Ari picks up the wagon handle, ready to pull. Olive keeps a short distance from the flowers.

101	ARI	101	
	Okay, flowers you're almost home -		*
	we just need to do ONE more thing.		*

102	OLIVE	102	*
	What's that?		*

103	ELINOR (KNOWING) TAG!	103	* *
	Ari and Olive <CHEER!> Elinor tags Are.		*
104	ELINOR You're it!	104	* *
	Giving themselves a little distance from the wagon, Ari chases Elinor and Olive around the area outside the library. The three all <LAUGH> giddily as they dart about.		* *
	IRIS OUT.		
	SEGMENT 2.		*
	1. EXT PARK -- DAY		*
	Open on Senor Tapir, with his guitar, in the park of Animal Town, sitting on a tree stump at the edge of a pond. A group of kids sit at his feet, including Elinor.		* * *
105	SR TAPIR Hola amigos, today let's sing a soo...	105	* * *
	Senor Tapir suddenly pauses to hold his elbow up to his nose, which twitches.		* *
106	SR TAPIR (CONT'D) A soooooohhhh (pauses)	106	* *
	He puts his elbow down.		*
107	SR TAPIR (CONT'D) Thought I was going to sneeze. A saaaaachoooo!	107	* * *
	Senor Tapir sneezes right onto his guitar. He pulls out a bandana and wipes off his guitar.		* *
108	ELINOR Salud!	108	* *
109	SR TAPIR (chuckling) Whoops, that sneeze snuck up on me. Let's sing about a scientist who wondered about sneezes.	109	* * * * *
	Senor Tapir starts to sing. After a line or two, we transition to a simpler style of animation that describes what he is singing.		* * *

110	SR TAPIR (CONT'D)	110	*
	Have you ever wondered just what		*
	happens to your sneeze,		*
	When your sneeze flies from your		*
	mouth into the breeze?		*

2. INT MIT LAB. -- DAY *

Lydia Bourouiba (a Lynx -- she is from France and likes to rock climb, and the lynx is a mountainous mammal in France) crosses her arms and thinks, when a think bubble appears above her head, showing someone sneeze. *

111	SR TAPIR (CONT'D)	111	*
	Well Lydia Bourouiba is a scientist		*
	who said,		*
	"I wonder just how far a sneeze		*
	will spread."		*

An elephant sneezes and the spray goes up, down and swirls around. *

Oh where, oh where	*
Do your sneezy sneezes go?	*
Lydia Bourouiba wanted to know,	*
Do they go up?	*
Do they go down?	*
Do they spray far and swirl all	*
around?	*

Someone's nose is tickled with a little rod, and the person sneezes in profile, in slow motion. Cut to a wide where we see a camera filming the sneeze. Then zoom in to look through the viewfinder at the slow motion sneeze. The sneeze has different trajectories in different colors, and some go up, some go down and some become a cloud (like the reference photo from her studies). *

She tickled lots of noses so they'd	*
sneeze right away,	*
And she took special pictures of	*
every spray.	*
She watched each sneeze in super	*
slow motion,	*
So she could have pictures of funny	*
sneeze explosions!	*

We see a grid of six elephants, all sneezing at the same time. *

Oh where, oh where
Do your sneezy sneezes go?
Lydia Bourouiba wanted to know.
She found they went up.
She found they went down,

We see an elephant on one side of a room, and when the
elephant sneezes, the sneeze travels all the way to the other
side of the room!

And they spray really far when they
swirl all around!

An elephant stands next to Lydia in her lab, and the elephant
sneezes while she smiles.

Whenever you sneeze,
Think of the scientist who,
Wondered what happens when you say
Aaaaachoo!

3. EXT PARK -- DAY

Senor Tapir finishes singing the song in front of the kids.

112	SR TAPIR (CONT'D)	112
	When you say,	
	Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa-chooo!	
113	ELINOR	113
	That was a really fun soo... (she	
	quickly holds her elbow up to her	
	nose) aaachoo! ... song!	
114	SENOR TAPIR	114
	Salud!	

The kids <giggle>.

END.