Is It a Cold or the Flu?

Cold		Flu
Rhinoviruses Many types of viruses can cause a cold, rhinoviruses are the most common virus. A cold virus enters your body through your mouth, eyes or nose, and can spread in the air when someone who is sick touch, coughs, sneezes or talks.	Causes	Influenza The flu is caused by influenza viruses. These viruses spread when people with flu touch, cough, sneeze or talk, sending droplets with the virus into the air.
 Rare Headache Normal Temperature Slight Aches & Pains Sneezing Runny Nose Sore Throat Mild to Moderate Hacking Cough 	Symptoms	 Prominent Headache Acute fever Severe Aches & Pains Extreme Fatigue & Weakness Severe Cough Chest Discomfort
 Get a lot of rest Drink plenty of liquids Adjusting your room's temperature and humidity Soothing your throat Using saline nasal drops Medicines 	Treatment	 Antiviral medicines - See your doctor Get a lot of rest Drink plenty of liquids Consider pain relievers
 Wash your hands Disinfect your stuff Use tissues Stay warm Don't share saliva 	Prevention	 Annual vaccination Antiviral medicines (See your doctor)



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