

Complete the passage with suitable tense :  
present perfect or past simple . ( dont use  
comas , puntos , mayúsculas , o  
contracciones , escribe formas completas )



I 1\_\_\_\_\_ always \_\_\_\_\_ (be) very fit  
and healthy, and I 2 \_\_\_\_\_ (have  
no ) a serious illness. However, a couple of weeks 3, I \_\_\_\_\_ (catch)  
the flu. I must admit that until then, I 4 \_\_\_\_\_ ( not realize)  
just how unpleasant the flu could be. I 5 \_\_\_\_\_ (have) a high  
temperature for nearly a week, and my whole body hurt. I don't think I  
6 \_\_\_\_\_ (feel) so miserable. It's taking me ages to get my  
strength back. It really bothers me that I haven't had enough energy to  
play football 7. I \_\_\_\_\_ (get) ill . In fact, I have been to the doctor  
to ask if it's normal to feel weak for so long. He says I'll soon feel better.  
Apparently I'm lucky. For some people, especially the old and the weak,  
the flu can be very serious. Doctors have tried \_\_\_\_\_ years to find a cure for the  
flu, but they 8 \_\_\_\_\_ (find not ) one. Fortunately, researchers  
have developed a vaccine which 9 \_\_\_\_\_ (give ) effective  
protection against \_\_\_\_\_ the disease. According to my doctor, most of  
his elderly patient 10 \_\_\_\_\_ ( take) their flu  
shots.

The flu virus is a  
sphere covered  
by numerous  
proteins known  
as **hemagglutinin**,  
which resembles  
a lollipop

