

Vaccines have saved millions of lives and wiped out diseases that people often used to die from. However, in recent years, there has been a growing number of people who are opposed to vaccines (anti-vaxxers).

In pairs, match some typical statements made by the anti-vaxxers with the common arguments against them.

1. Vaccines cause autism.
 2. There hasn't been enough research.
 3. Vaccines are very profitable.
 4. Vaccines are expensive.
 5. People are getting increasingly sick which shows vaccines don't work.
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- a. It's a lot cheaper than the disease. For every dollar spent on a vaccine, you get around 7 dollars back. So it saves money in the long run.
 - b. Just not true. Life expectancy is getting longer all the time and child deaths are at an all-time low. This is true all over the world. A lot of this is due to vaccines.
 - c. People make money from many things; it doesn't mean that they are bad. Vaccines make a lot less money for drug companies compared to other drugs.
 - d. The doctor who first published this theory in 1998 was found to have dishonestly acted for profit, falsified his results, and was barred from practising medicine. There is no evidence for this claim at all.
 - e. We have data from literally millions of children demonstrating how safe vaccines are. We have more information about vaccines than any other medicine.