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Reading Explorer Foundations

Unit 5B Investigation

Read the passage and choose the correct answer for each question.

The Flu Shot

The flu, short for influenza, is an awful sickness. Most people have experienced its uncomfortable symptoms: runny nose, fever, upset stomach, etc. Some people have even died from the flu. Because of this, scientists have developed the flu shot, a vaccine, to stop the sickness.

In 1918, people all over the world caught the —Spanish flu. "Up to 100 million people died from it. Doctors tried everything to help. The only thing that seemed to work was taking blood from patients who were getting better and giving it to sick patients. This got doctors and scientists thinking. By the 1930s, the first flu vaccines were developed. These vaccines were made better over time. Today, the flu shot is a normal vaccine given to children and adults alike.

Vaccines are like medicine, but they have a little bit of bad bacteria or viruses that cause sickness. When the vaccine goes into the body, the body tries to get rid of the bad bacteria or virus. It produces antibodies to fight against the germs in the vaccine. Later, these antibodies help a person fight off real germs. Thanks to the flu shot, people do not get sick, or they are sick for a shorter period of time.

1. What is the purpose of the passage?

a. to give advice

b. to give information

c. to tell someone's story

d. to compare sicknesses

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2. What causes people to get the flu?

a. vaccines b. antibodies c. bad germs d. sicknesses

3. In the first paragraph, what does the word *symptoms* mean?

a. something wrong with your body that shows you are sick

b. something you do when you are sick to feel better

c. a kind of sickness many people get

d. a kind of medicine people take

4. What is the second paragraph mainly about?

a. what flu vaccines are made of

b. how the first flu vaccines were developed

c. why many people get the flu vaccine today

d. how the Spanish flu spread all over the world

5. In the third sentence of the final paragraph, what does the word *It* refer to?

a. body b. virus c. bacteria d. vaccine

6. What is the flu?

A. A type of sickness

B. A kind of vaccine

C. A new type of medicine

D. A way to treat a fever

7. What did the 1918 "Spanish flu" do?

A. It made people sick for a long time

B. It killed many people around the world

C. It helped doctors find a new cure

D. It made people feel better

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8. What do vaccines do to the body?

A. They give the body bad germs

B. They make the body stronger

C. They block the body from getting sick

D. They fight off all germs in the body

9. What did doctors try to help patients during the 1918 flu?

A. Give them a special medicine

B. Give them a new vaccine

C. Give them blood from other patients

D. Give them a lot of rest

10. What is the main benefit of getting the flu shot?

A. It makes the flu last longer

B. It prevents the flu completely

C. It makes the flu symptoms better

D. It makes the flu spread faster

Write your answers here.

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Thanks!

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