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**Extension:**

- Why do you think childhood vaccination continues to be controversial?
- Do you think childhood vaccination should be made compulsory?  
Explain your opinion.

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## Comprehension Questions Answers

1. What is a 'millennial'?

**Millennial is a term used to describe people born between 1981 and 1996 who came of age around the turn of the millennium when the internet was also booming.**

2. How did Emperor K'ang Hsi of China inoculate his children?

**He had them snort ground up smallpox scabs.**

3. When did TB vaccinations stop being routine for all children and why?

**2005 because the vaccination programme had been successful at reducing rates of TB.**

4. What does the UK Health Protection Agency say is the most effective public health intervention worldwide for saving lives and promoting good health?

**Clean water.**

5. How many doses of the COVID-19 vaccine have been given to date?

**5.85 billion and counting.**

6. Where does the word 'vaccine' come from?

**The Latin word 'vacca' for cow.**

7. Why is the name 'vaccine' possibly inappropriate?

**Research has shown that the smallpox vaccine was mainly developed from horsepox rather than coxpo.**

8. Why did the scientific community reject Lady Wortley Montagu's claims about smallpox inoculation?

**They didn't want to listen to an untrained woman who had brought ideas from an unchristian country.**

9. What is omission bias?

**Omission bias is when people think that harm caused by inaction is preferable to harm caused through action.**

10. Explain two ways governments try to persuade parents to vaccinate their children?

**By fining, sentencing to prison and offering financial incentives.**

Extension: **Answers will vary.**