



Scabs and Jabs Vocabulary Answers

What do the following words from the text mean? Can you figure out their meaning or do you need to use a dictionary?

Immunity

Protection or exemption from something. In terms of viruses, it means an organism can fight a virus with antibodies or white blood cells.

Inoculation

The introduction of a virus, pathogen or antigen into a body to stimulate the production of immunity. In simple terms, a living thing (organism) learns how to fight a virus by learning how to fight a smaller or similar sample that is introduced to it.

Decimate

Destroy or kill many.

Heralded

Praised enthusiastically.

Disdain

The feeling that something is unworthy.

Efficacy

The effectiveness of something.

Effigy

A sculpture or a model of a person, often made to be destroyed in protest.

Liberty

Freedom to act as one chooses.

Prophylactic

A preventative measure against disease.