

## 10. Interpret a vaccination schedule

### Present perfect continuous

Subject	have/has			Verb + -ing
He She The medicine	has	not	been	working.
I We They	have			

Claudita has been participating actively in class

Luisa María has not been trusting herself on her English knowledge

Has Oscar been wearing soccer team jerseys?

The students have been cheating on the exams

**Grammar note:** We use the present perfect continuous to show that an action began in the past and is still continuing

### Preposition + gerund

	Preposition	Gerund Expression
I'm worried	about	missing work.
Her husband isn't used	to	taking care of the children.
She's afraid	of	asking for help.

## Grammar Watch

- Prepositions are words like *in*, *of*, *to*, *at*, *about*, and *on*.
- Common expressions with gerunds: *be afraid of*, *believe in*, *complain about*, *think about*.

I am used **to** making fun with my students



## Vaccinations

Fifty years ago, measles and polio were serious health problems. Many people got sick or died from them. Today, people in the U.S. almost never get these diseases. Why? They get vaccinated. Vaccinations protect millions of people from deadly illnesses. Most importantly, they protect children.

### 10 Why do children get vaccinations?

Vaccinations keep children safe and healthy. Most children get shots that protect them from 14 different diseases. These include measles, mumps, chicken pox, and polio.

### 15 When do children get the vaccines?

Children get different vaccines at different ages. Children need only one dose, or shot, of some vaccines. Other vaccinations require several doses. Your doctor can give you a schedule for your child's shots.

### 20 Do children have to get vaccinated?

All 50 states have vaccination requirements for school children. This means that children must get certain shots before they start school. However, all states allow medical exemptions. Some children have serious medical conditions. Vaccines are dangerous for them. These children don't have to get vaccinated. Some

people also refuse to get shots. Their reasons are religious or moral. A few states allow them to do this.

### I don't have insurance. Can I get these shots for free?

30 Yes. Vaccines for Children (VFC) gives free vaccines to children. Most family doctors participate in VFC.

### What vaccinations should adults get?

Influenza (the flu) makes millions of people sick every year. It makes people miss many days of school and work. It's a good idea to get a flu shot every year. The vaccine may not completely protect you from the flu. However, some protection is better than no protection.

35 Vaccinations prevent disease. They are important for your health. They are even more important for your child's health. They are also important for the health of your community. That's why you and your children should get them.

### VACCINATION SCHEDULE

These are some of the vaccinations children should get during the first year of life:

	Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	1 year
Hepatitis B	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓
Diphtheria, Tetanus			✓	✓	✓	✓
Polio			✓	✓	✓	✓
Influenza (Flu)					✓	✓
Measles, Mumps						✓
Hepatitis A						✓

**IDENTIFY.** What is the main idea of the article?

- Children are supposed to get different vaccinations at different ages.
- All 50 states have vaccination requirements for school children, but they allow medical exemptions.
- Vaccinations are important for your health, your child's health, and the health of your community.

Answer: c

**CITE EVIDENCE.** Answer the questions. Where is the information?

1. What diseases do most children get vaccines for?

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2. What is a situation where children don't have to get shots?

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3. Do parents always have to pay for shots?

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4. What vaccine should both adults and children get? Why?

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Answers:

1. Most children get vaccines for measles, mumps, chicken pox, and polio.

2. Possible answer: Children don't have to get shots when it is dangerous for health reasons or they have religious or moral reasons not to get them

3. No, they don't

4. Possible answer: Both adults and children should get the flue vaccine, because the flue can be deadly and makes people miss many days of work and school.