

HIV / AIDS



The Priceless Vaccine

A hundred years ago, there



many diseases that were very

dangerous. For example, small pox, measles and mumps. Vaccination saved many lives in the past and is still saving lives today.

Some medical professionals and scientists think vaccination is one of the greatest achievements of science.

One of the most deadly diseases to affect

human beings today is the HIV infection. HIV can turn into AIDS and result in death. There are around 33 million people in the world living with HIV/AIDS today. Anyone can

get HIV/AIDS. It doesn't matter what your nationality is, how much money you have, or your religious background. The danger of HIV/AIDS is real and present right now, even as you are sitting and reading these words on this paper.





When AIDS was first discovered there (be) a lot of hope that a cure would be found for disease. As time passed, scientists and doctors (begin) to lose hope for finding a cure.

Currently, scientists and doctors (think) about prevention instead of a cure. Vaccination is the newest approach. They (not, want) to

cure HIV, they want to prevent it. If they are able to create a vaccine, then they (reduce) the numbers of HIV infected people.

Right now, scientists (work) on developing a vaccine to prevent HIV infection. There (not, be) a vaccine yet, but there are medications that can (help) to control the disease. These medications (not, offer) a long term solution to the problem, but they often (give) people a few more years to live.

Historically, vaccines (affect) the spread of disease. They (help) to control small pox, measles, yellow fever, polio, and mumps. Nowadays, the HIV vaccine (represent) the best hope for ending HIV/AIDS in the world. If a vaccine (not, be) developed soon, HIV/AIDS (be) one of the deadliest diseases in the history of human kind.



Dear Teachers,

HIV/AIDS, as you know, is one of the most deadly diseases out there. Students are aware of the disease and some even know people who are living with it. Last year in Dubai, the police had a parade and info hand out on the disease and how it can be prevented. Saudi Arabia is the first Gulf country to release its statistics on the disease and allow individuals living with the disease to begin talking about the problem.

Please use this grammar exercise to briefly discuss the pandemic and the possibility of finding a vaccination for the disease. You may also want to mention that scientists are also actively working to create vaccinations for certain types of cancers and currently in the government schools the vaccination for cervical cancer is now administered to female students (only mention this if you feel comfortable doing so). I think it is important that students understand the seriousness of the diseases that we are facing today. I think it is equally important for them to understand the possibility of creating vaccines today, just as scientists did in the past. In the end, as I have always told my students, **silence = death.**

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