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How to Wipe Out a Deadly Disease

Can you number the parts of this story in the correct order?

The situation was even sadder because a vaccine that could prevent people from getting polio had been invented.

It was so successful that Rotary International made it a goal to wipe polio off the face of the earth. For more than 30 years more than 2.5 billion children have been given the life-saving polio vaccine. Today, wild polio remains active in only two countries.

Dr. Santos asked members of Rotary clubs throughout the Philippines to vaccinate the children in their communities. More than 6 million children were immunized against polio. It was a huge success.

Dr. Benny Santos belonged to an international club called Rotary. He wrote a letter to the International President of Rotary asking if all of the Rotarians in the Philippines could volunteer to immunize the country's children. The President of Rotary and his committee approved the idea.

More than 30 years ago, a doctor in the Philippines named Dr. Benny Santos was very upset about the number of people in his country who had a disease called **polio**.

Polio caused people to become physically disabled. Some had problems breathing. Many died.

What is polio?

Most kids in North America don't know what polio is because there have been no new cases here for decades. That is because of the polio vaccine. Polio is an illness that can lead to paralysis of your spine and or/limbs and can sometimes cause death.

Fill in the missing vowels to find out the names of the last two countries with polio.

P_K_ST_N
_FGH_N_ST_N

Healthcare workers travel from village to village to make sure they reach all children with the polio vaccine

Photos courtesy Rotary International

People in India celebrating their country's four years since their last case of polio.

What is **Rotary**? It's a global network of volunteers. Find out if you have a Rotary Club in your community that might have a member who can speak to your class about the efforts to end polio.

Rotary

A Special Test

Rotarians have a short test with only four questions. Use the code to discover the four questions Rotarians ask themselves about everything they say or do.

Is it the _____?

Is it _____ to all concerned?

Will it build _____ and _____?

Will it be _____ to all concerned?

■ = GOODWILL　　● = BETTER　　■ = GOOD　　▼ = FAIR
● = BENEFICIAL　　◢ = TRUTH　　■ = FRIENDSHIPS　　■ = TRUST

If everyone asked themselves these four questions before they said or did something, how would it make the world a better place?
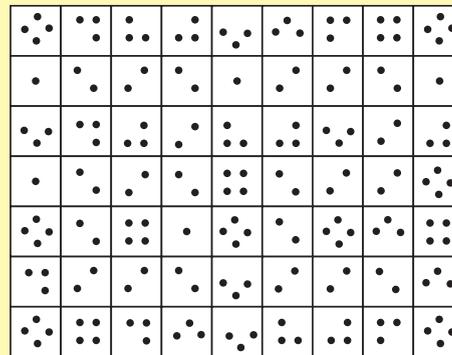
Extra! Extra!
People Care

Look through the newspaper for examples of three people helping others. Cut out their pictures and/or names and glue them to a piece of paper. Write one to three sentences about how these people are helping others.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

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In 1988, when the Global Polio Eradication effort began, there were 350,000 cases of wild polio each year—about 1,000 cases a day. To find out how many there were last year, color in the spaces with two dots.

Double Double Word Search

VACCINATE
PROBLEMS
DISEASE
VILLAGE
ROTARY
POLIO
INDIA
SPINE
CASES
UPSET
CLASS
KIDS
IDEA
GOAL
LIFE

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

V	S	I	M	M	U	K	O	D	N
I	M	I	A	I	D	N	I	Z	C
L	E	Y	E	D	A	S	L	D	A
L	L	E	R	E	E	E	O	C	S
A	B	G	F	A	N	A	P	L	E
G	O	I	S	I	T	N	A	A	S
E	R	E	P	S	L	O	T	S	P
U	P	S	E	T	G	O	R	S	L
E	T	A	N	I	C	C	A	V	I

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Rotary in your town?

Look through the newspaper to see if you can find any examples of Rotarians at work in your community. If not, find an example of a community volunteer. Find a way to write and send that person a thank you letter.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.

Write On!

Receive or give?

Some say it is better to give than to receive. Do you agree? Why or why not?

Send your story to:

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