

# **Current Events – Week #2** How do vaccines work?

<http://tweentribune.com/tween56/how-do-vaccines-work>

1. Describe a virus in one sentence.
2. Why can viruses actually benefit humans?
3. Why are vaccines important to fighting disease?
4. Why can't our bodies always defend us from every disease?

## **Can't America Have High Speed Trains?**

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/05/03/opinions/smart-high-speed-trains-america/index.html>

1. What is so great about the Japanese maglev train?
2. If the United States had a train that could travel 400mph, would you take the train or fly?
3. What are some reasons why the United States is behind the other countries when it comes to high-speed trains?

4. **Do you think that the government should spend more money to develop a high-speed train system?**
  
5. **Let's say that the United States develops a high-speed train system. What types of 'entertainment' would you have on the train? Explain.**

**New York City wants to cut waste by 90%**

<http://tweentribune.com/tween56/new-york-city-wants-cut-waste-90-percent>

1. **What are three things that the city of New York wants to do to cut waste?**
  
2. **How is New York City going to simplify the recycling program?**
  
3. **What are 'organics'? How is the city planning to help with the recycling of organics?**
  
4. **Do you recycle at home? Do you recycle when you are out in public?**
  
5. **What is one thing that you could do to cut waste in our area?**