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Measles is a severe disease which causes a rash, cough and fever and can kill. It affects mostly children, but also young adults.

### 2. How does a child get measles?

He/She can get measles through close contact with another child who has the disease.

### 3. How can we control and prevent measles?

Have all children vaccinated against measles from 9 months of age.

### 4. What are the signs when a child has measles?

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  - fever
  - runny nose
  - cough
  - red eye (conjunctivitis)
- He will get more and more sick.
- His mouth may become sore, with white spots on the inside wall of the cheeks.
- He may have diarrhea.

After a few days:

- A rash will appear, first on the forehead and neck; and later on, the rest of the face and body.

Take him to the health centre or hospital for proper treatment.

### 5. If a child shows signs of measles, what should one do?

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