

A Free Shot Clinic

Pre-reading

Questions:

- Where can you take a baby for shots?

Definitions:

- Soothe – to quiet, to calm
- React – to respond to something
- Protect – to keep from or guard against harm
- Disease – a sickness



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Reading

14 Dawn visits with a friend about her children. The friend tells Dawn about a
31 free shot clinic. It is at the public health office in the courthouse. The shot clinic is
39 held on the third Monday of each month.
53 Dawn's baby needs a hepatitis shot. She brings her baby to the free shot
67 clinic. They have a short wait. Then they are called into the nurse's office.
83 The nurse gives the baby the shot. He cries from the pain, but is soothed by
98 Dawn's calm voice and gentle touch. The nurse tells Dawn to watch her baby. He
103 may react to the shot.
119 The baby's next shot is in two months. The nurse tells Dawn the date of that
135 free shot clinic. Dawn feels good. Her baby has his shots. He is protected from this
136 disease.

Understanding

1. When is the free shot clinic? _____

2. Why does Dawn want to take her baby there? _____

3. How does Dawn soothe her baby? _____

4. When is the baby due for his next shot? _____

5. Why does Dawn feel good about her baby's shot? _____

Writing

Choice A: Retell the story in your own words.

Choice B: Do you think shots are important? Why or why not?
