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Grammar Review: Blog on Vaccines

<https://www.voicesforvaccines.org/something-even-worse/>

The writer of this “blog” post is a person by the name of MaryAnne. We do not find out her last name in this particular piece of information. MaryAnne was a woman who, at the age of just four years old, came down with Hib, which is a bacterial infection that was first identified as the cause of influenza. For children under 6 years old or so, it could be a near death experience if you come down with it. MaryAnne works as a medical copywriter. She also studied nursing and currently has a degree in journalism from Concordia University in Montreal. The platform in which this type of “blog” is presented in is a basically a website in which you can share stories of deadly diseases and/or infections and the use of vaccines and how vaccines have been developed and how they have evolved to help. The author of this blog talks about her experiences of having the deadly disease Hib (*[Haemophilus influenzae](http://www.vaccineinformation.org/hib/" \t "_blank)*[type b](http://www.vaccineinformation.org/hib/" \t "_blank)) when she was at the precious age of 4 in the the early 60s. She explains that her siblings and her family were getting ready for her to not be able to combat this deadly disease. The author recalls being placed in an oxygen tent and later developing epiglottis, which is the swelling of the covering to your windpipe, which would explain why she so badly needed the oxygen. At the time in which the author developed Hib, there was not a vaccine even invented for this infection, meaning that they only got information about this disease as the cases came and went. The author’s style made me more likely to take her ideas seriously because she told a personal story that was specific to her and her case. She showed us what the possible result of no vaccine is. She lived through it. She can tell the story today because she is a survivor. She doesn’t want anybody else to go through what she had to go through and to write that out for everyone to see takes pure courage. The way she presented the information made us go on an emotional roller coaster. She starts her story of sad, then goes on to tell us about the disease and how effective the vaccine is, to leaving us with another sad part of the same story. When we went on this emotional roller coaster, it made us feel something, which is why her blog/story stuck with me. I think that the author uses more active voice because everything is relating back to her and nobody else. I believe that using active voice gets your point more directly across the people, especially when dealing with diseases and vaccinations.