

Check your understanding



1 How is malaria transmitted?

Answer [You can get malaria through mosquito bites, it's not transmitted from person to person like the flu, for instance. However, you could get malaria through a blood transfusion with infected blood.]

2 Why did we conclude that the government in Haiti should increase malaria awareness?

Answer [Our study showed that a lot of people in Haiti don't know what malaria is. Some people don't see it as a dangerous disease and others perceive it as a curse.]

3 Why do you think the collaboration with traditional healers (and voodoo priests) is an important step towards malaria elimination?

Answer [Many sick people don't seek doctors' help, but the help of traditional healers instead. Their assistance could help locate patients with malaria.]

4 What is the best way to prevent malaria?

Answer [Malaria is a mosquito-borne infection. Avoiding mosquito bites is the best way to avoid the disease.]