Unit 2: Lesson 5 – Vaccine Safety

GLOSSARY

**Assertion**
A forceful statement of fact or belief

**Assumption**
A belief that something is true without evidence of its truth

**Autism**
A spectrum of conditions involving the brain that causes repetitive behaviors, restricted interests, and difficulties in communicating

**Logical Fallacy**
An error in reasoning that makes an argument unsound

**Misconception**
An incorrect understanding or view of something

**Myth**
A false idea

**Thimerosal**
A mercury-based chemical used in some vaccines as a preservative

**Vaccine**
A tool that introduces the immune system to potential pathogens in a controlled manner, so that it does not cause disease but it does allow for the development of protective immunity