

## IS THERE A CURE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS?

Most people get better from the coronavirus by themselves. But doctors and scientists want to help everyone do that quickly and safely.

Doctors don't have a cure for the coronavirus yet because it is a new illness. Some medicines that doctors already know about might help, so they are trying them out on people who are ill.

But even if they don't work, scientists are also working on making completely new medicines for the coronavirus that no one has ever had before.

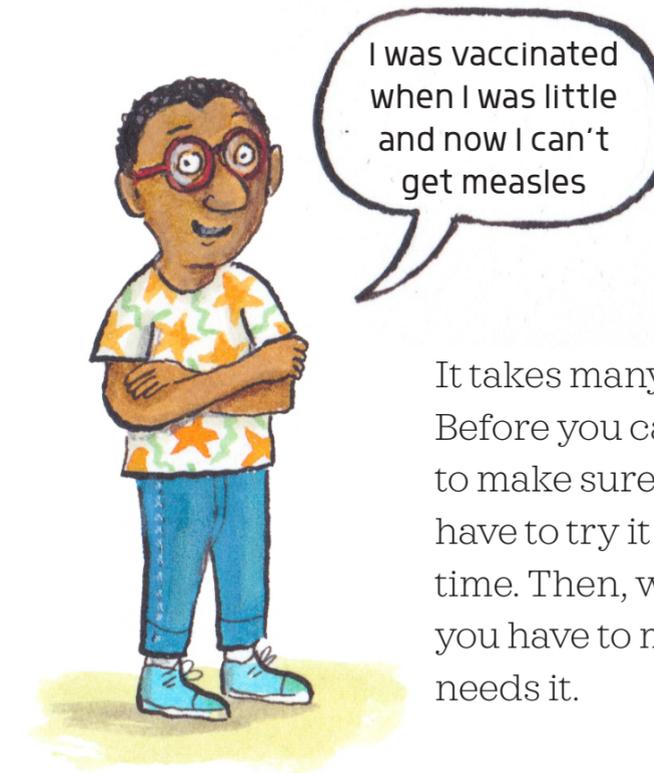


Another thing that scientists are working on is a **vaccine**.

A vaccine is a special medicine that is usually injected into your body while you are healthy. Inside the medicine are weak or dead virus germs. The antibodies in your blood can practise killing these germs, so that if you catch that virus, they can start fighting the live virus germs faster.



You probably already had some vaccines when you were a baby. So that means you won't get some illnesses!



It takes many months to make a new medicine. Before you can give it to lots of people, you have to make sure that it is safe for everyone, so you have to try it out carefully on a few people at a time. Then, when you know it works and is safe, you have to make enough for everyone who needs it.

## WHY ARE SOME PLACES WE NORMALLY GO TO CLOSED?

Although lots of people will get better from the coronavirus, it's really important that people who might become very ill don't catch it. This means we need to make sure that as few people as possible get the coronavirus, so that we don't pass it on to anyone who might get very ill. And if lots of people get ill and have to go to hospital at the same time, then hospitals will get too busy to look after people properly.

It's so easy to get the coronavirus that we need to be very careful that we don't get too near people who don't live with us.



And that's why all the places where lots of people are together - like schools and libraries - are closed at the moment. The government of this country has said that people can only go outside their homes if they really, really have to.

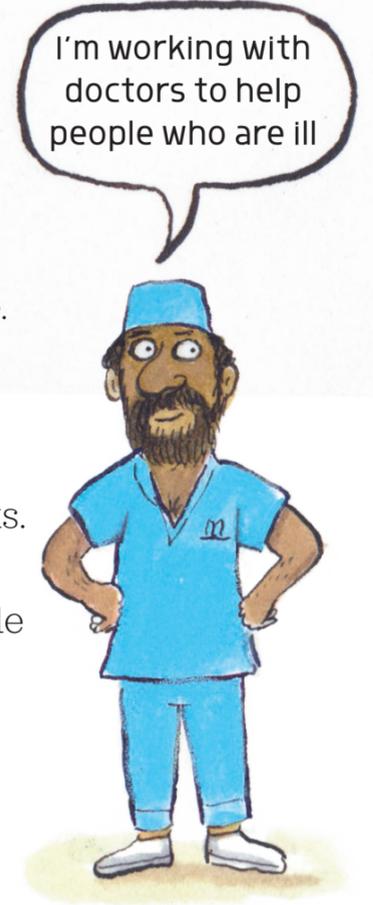


Some people, like doctors or nurses or people who work in food shops or people who deliver things to our homes, have to go out of their homes to go to work.

Most people can also go out of their home if they need to buy food or to exercise, but they must be very careful not to go near anyone else.

If you or anyone in your family feels ill, and thinks they might have the coronavirus, you can't come out of your home at all for two weeks.

We all have to stay at home to protect the people who will find it hard to fight the coronavirus.

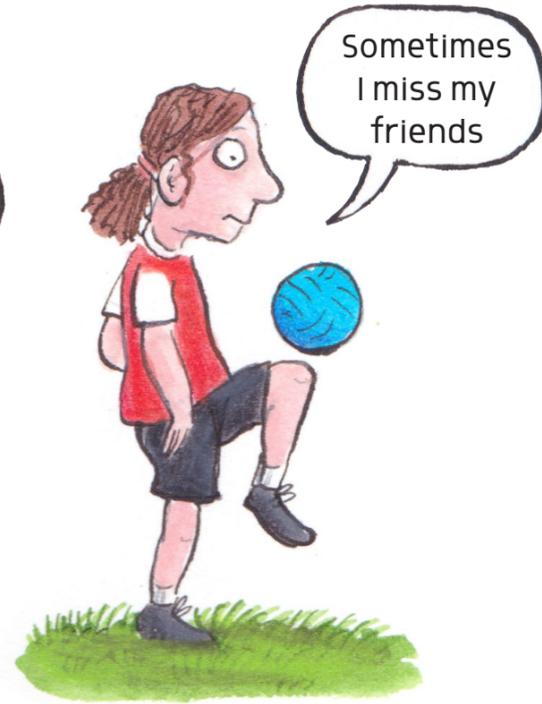


## WHAT'S IT LIKE TO BE AT HOME ALL THE TIME?

Sometimes being at home with the people you live with can be great fun. You can do things together that you wouldn't normally do when you are at school or when the grown-ups are at work.



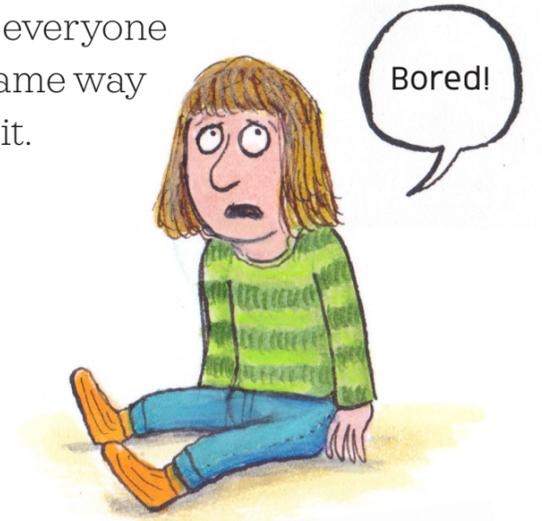
But sometimes I feel bored



Sometimes I miss my friends



Bored!



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The grown-up or grown-ups who look after you might also feel worried. Sometimes they might feel worried about work. Sometimes it might be hard to buy the things that you all need, and that might worry them too.



Bored!



But what if I feel worried too?

If you are worried, talk about your worries to a grown-up who looks after you. If you are still going to school, maybe you could talk to a teacher. Or maybe you could talk to a teacher or someone else in your family on the phone or using a computer or tablet.



Sometimes I feel angry

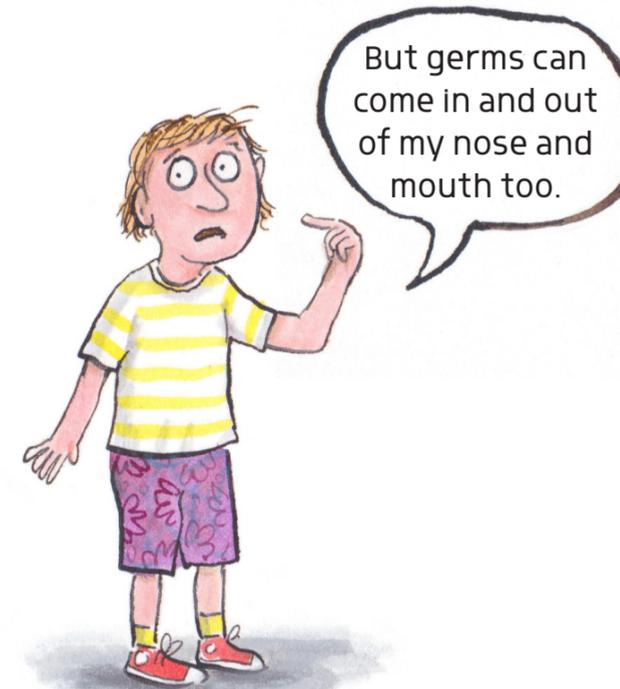
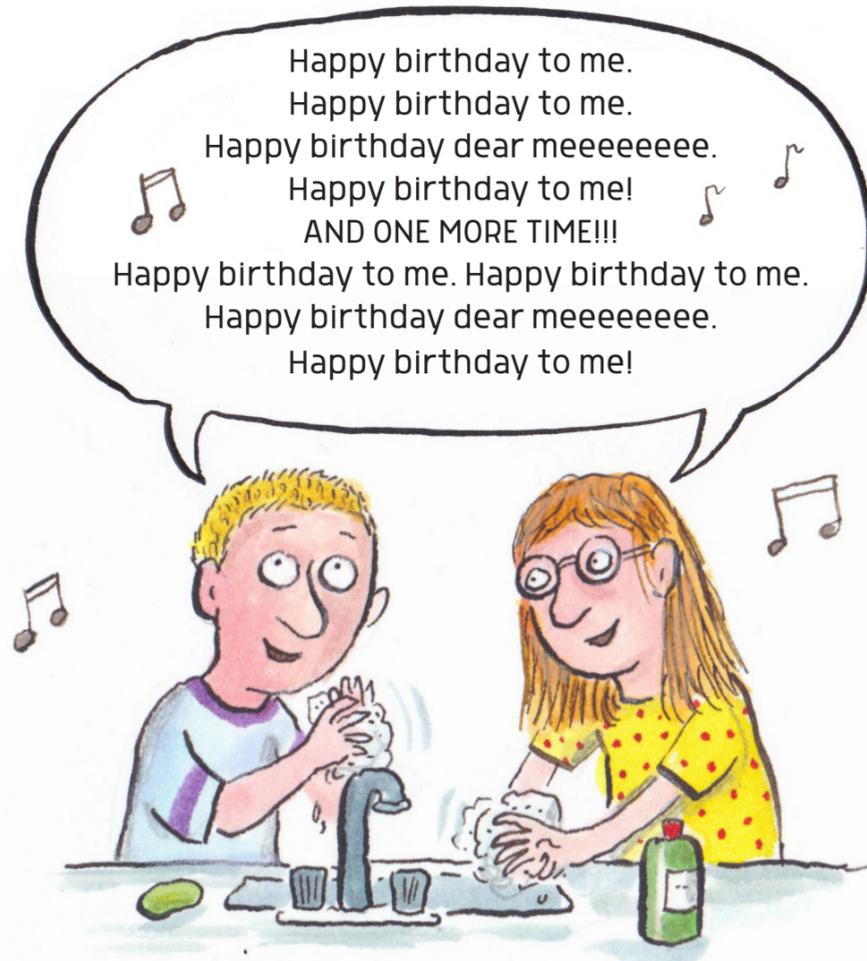


Sometimes I feel sad

## WHAT CAN I DO TO HELP?

You are already helping a lot by staying at home. But you can also help by taking extra care to make sure you don't catch or pass on the coronavirus to anybody else.

Did you know that viruses are killed by soap? So if you wash your hands really carefully and for long enough, you won't have any coronavirus germs on your hands. You can sing a song while you wash your hands to make sure you are washing them for long enough – long enough to sing Happy Birthday twice!



If you have to wipe or blow your nose, use a tissue and put it in the bin straight away. Remember to wash your hands too, because the coronavirus lives in your snot and it can get on to your hands from the tissue.



If you have to cough or sneeze, do it into the inside corner of your elbow, not on to your hand. Then you can't give the coronavirus to other people that way.



If everyone does these things, it will make a big difference!