

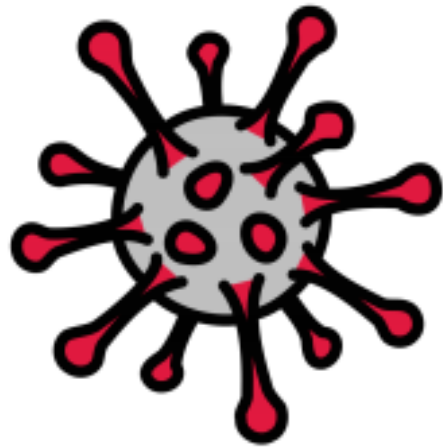
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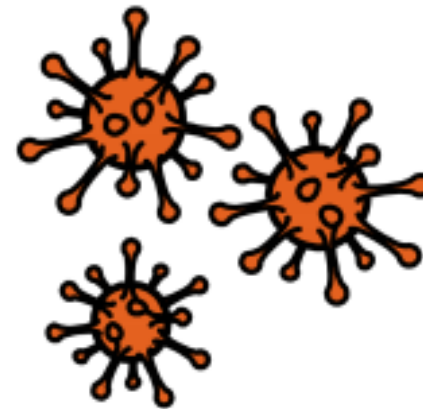
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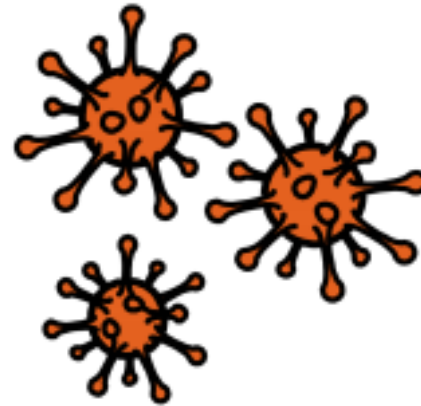
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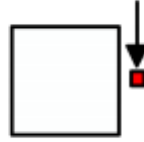
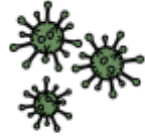
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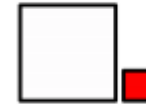
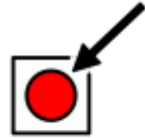
Variants



What is a variant?



Coronavirus is a virus. Viruses are tiny living things that can make us



unwell when they enter our bodies. They are so small you need a



powerful microscope to see them.



Scientists



have been



studying



Coronavirus

carefully.



We

now



understand



more about it and

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how to



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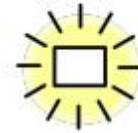
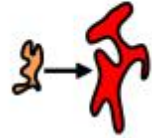
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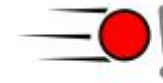
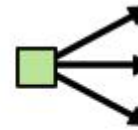
A problem for scientists is that viruses change.



They change their shape and how they react to medicines.



When a virus changes and becomes a new form it is called a variant.



Variants can cause problems as they can spread faster and make people



feel unwell.

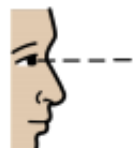


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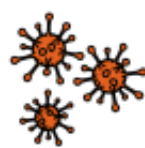
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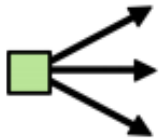


 Finding variants and  studying  them  helps  scientists and  doctors make

 better  medicines.



Washing our hands, social distancing and vaccines also help to stop



them spread.



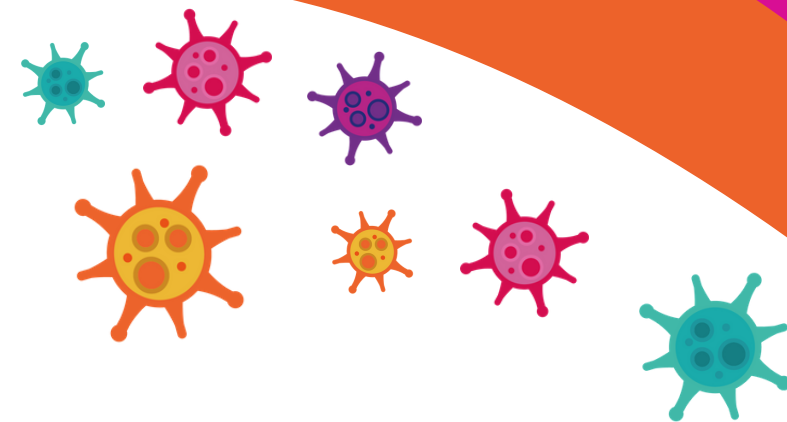
Thank you for helping



stop



Coronavirus.



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