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# Virus? Pandemic? What's that?

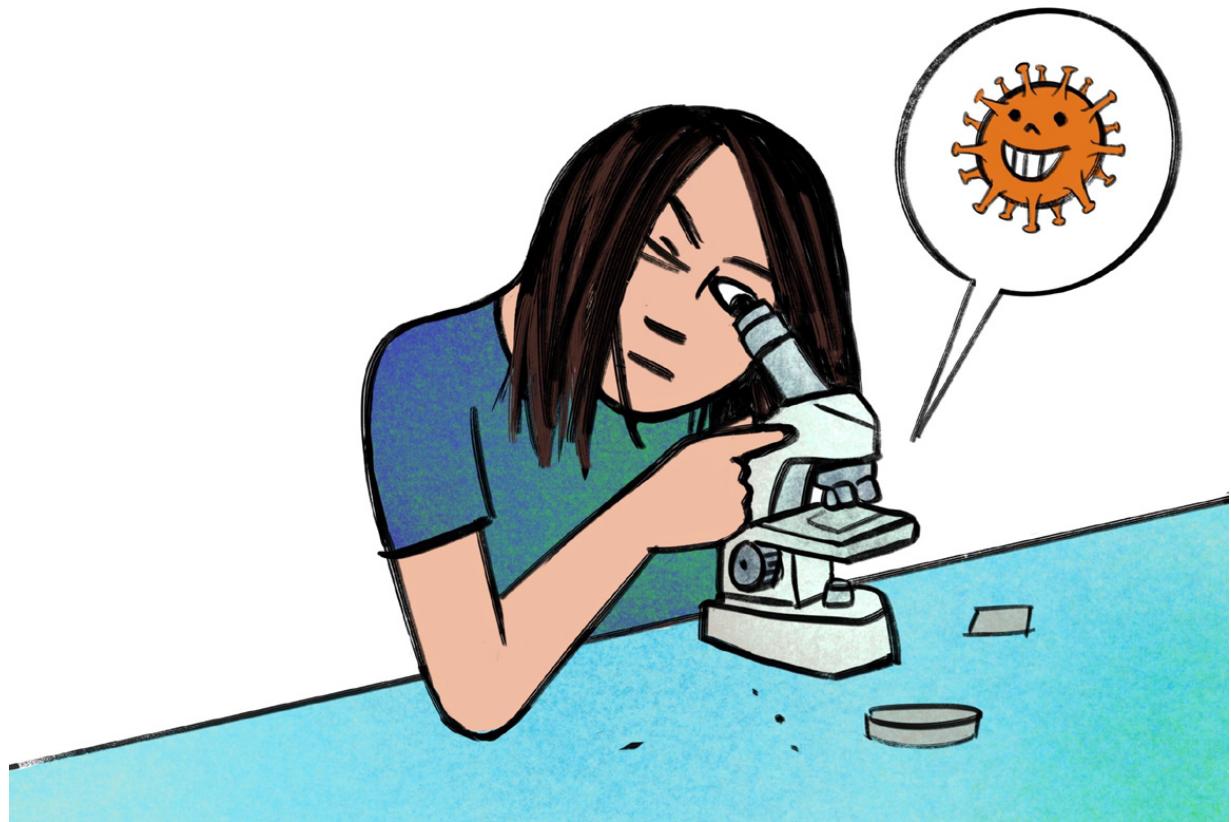


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Viruses are everywhere. In the air and on everything. They consist of a liquid and need a host cell to survive.

There are many thousands of different types of viruses. A virus is tiny, so tiny that you cannot see it with the naked eye. To see them you need a particularly good microscope. At close range, viruses sometimes even look beautiful.



But not all viruses are harmless. Some can be pretty nasty and make us sick. They can cause a sore throat, runny nose or fever. Some cause all of this at once.

Then we have to stay at home until we are healthy again. For some people the virus is very bad.

These people then have to go to a hospital.



