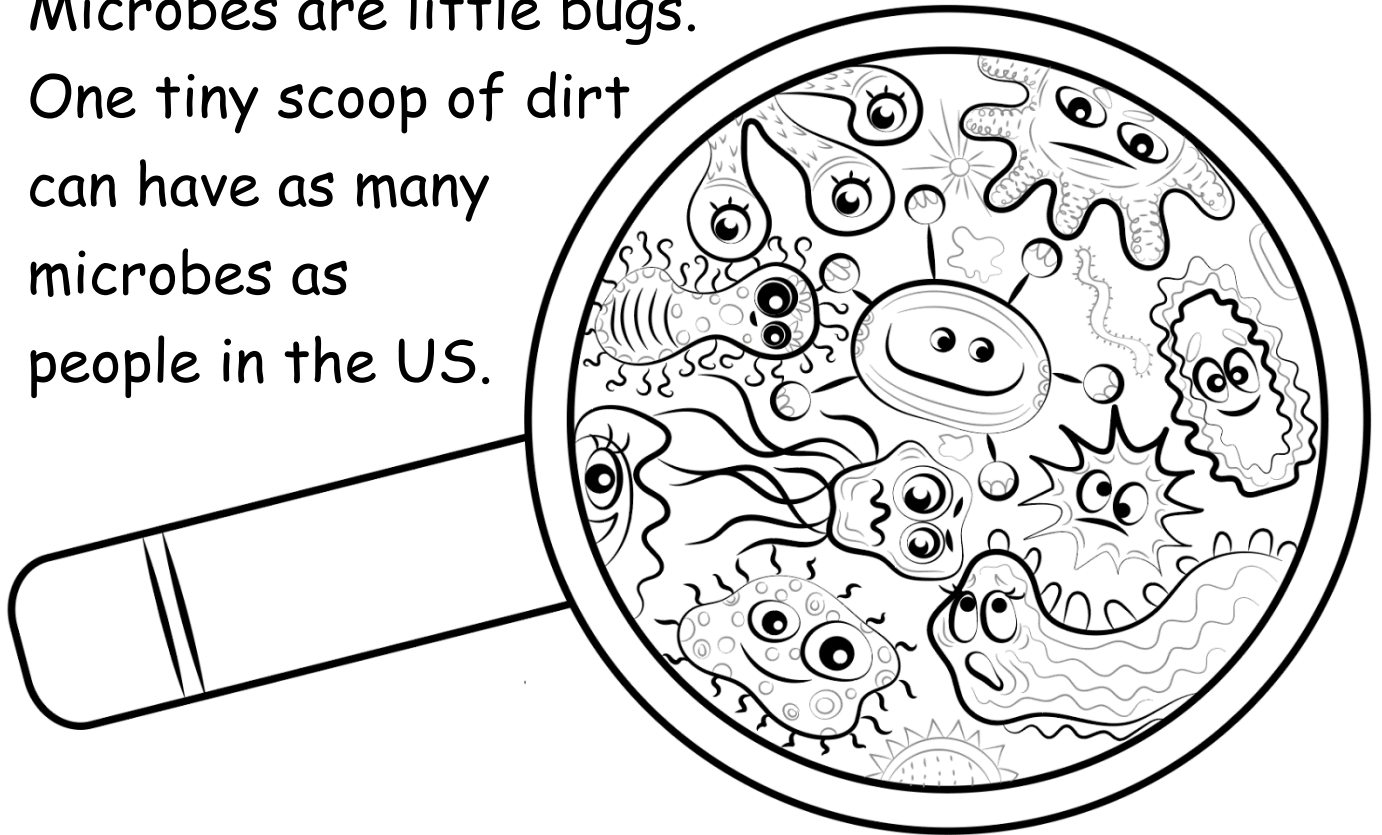


# The Tiny World of Microbes

Microbes are little bugs.

One tiny scoop of dirt  
can have as many  
microbes as  
people in the US.

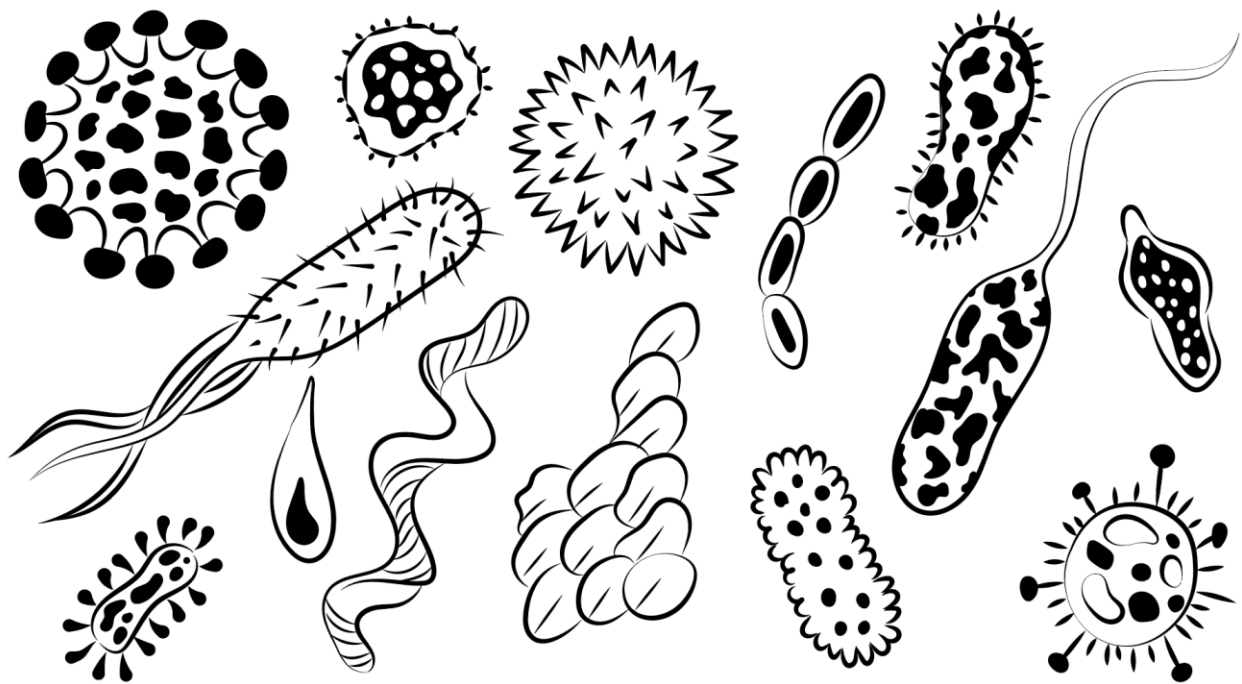


Some microbes are good. Most microbes help us. They keep us strong and well. There are many good microbes in our guts that help us digest food.

But some microbes are bad. They can make us feel sick. Wash your hands to keep the bad microbes off.

Microbes are everywhere. They are in your home. They are in the grass, trees and dirt. Some live in hot springs. Some are on the bed of the sea where there is no light. Microbes are strong. They don't need much to thrive.

Microbes are different shapes. Some look like they have legs. Others look like they have tails. Some are long like a rod.



If you got to make a microbe, what would it look like? Can you draw a microbe just for fun?

## Questions on The Tiny World of Microbes:

1. How can microbes help us?

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2. Why do we need to wash our hands?

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3. Where can microbes live?

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4. What can microbes look like?

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**Activity**: Draw a microbe. Make one up.  
Where does your microbe live?