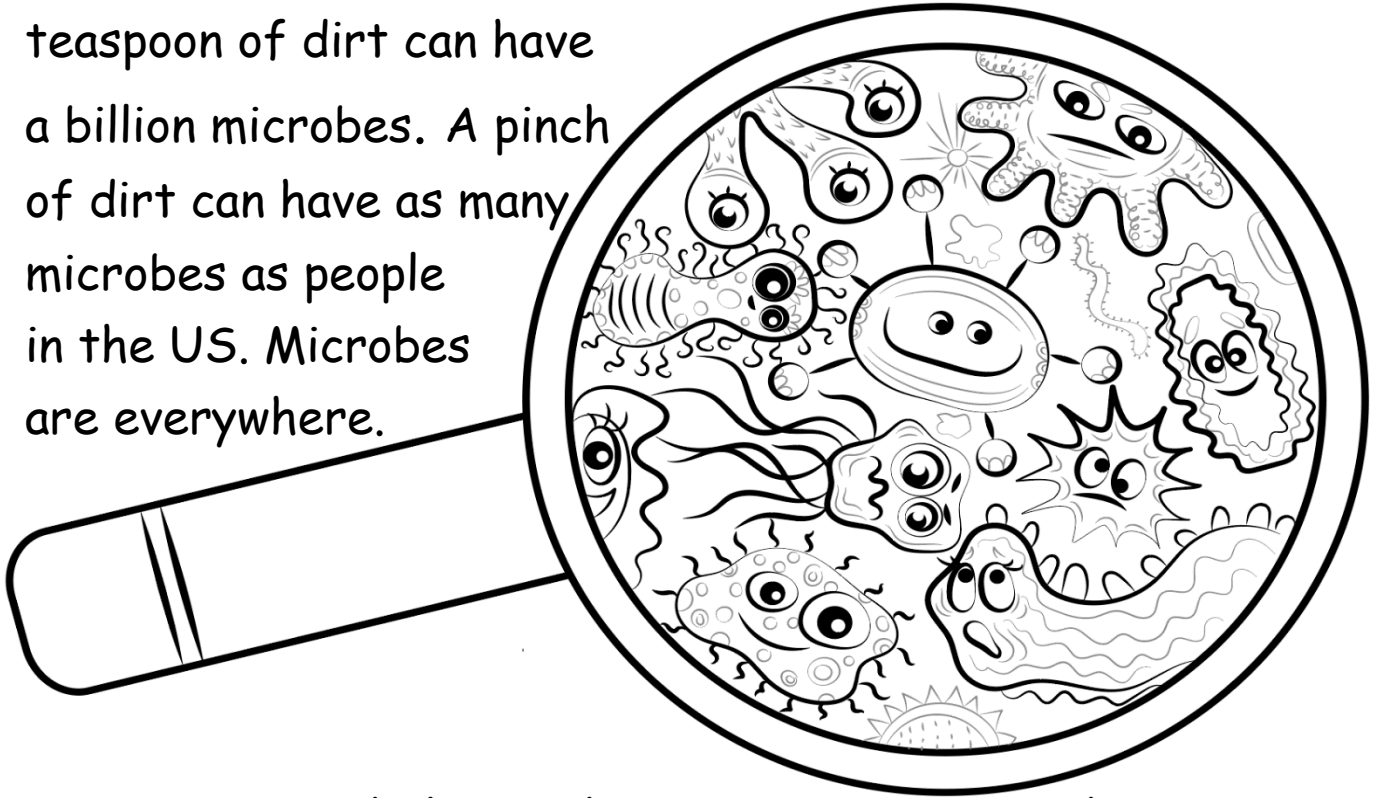


The Tiny World of Microbes

for 2nd graders

Microbes are like tiny little bugs. One teaspoon of dirt can have a billion microbes. A pinch of dirt can have as many microbes as people in the US. Microbes are everywhere.



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

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

Microbes can survive almost anywhere. They are in your home. They are in the grass, trees and dirt. Some live in the boiling water of hot springs. Some are on the

enter the mouth of a shark to eat microbes off the shark's teeth.

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?

2. Why do we need to wash our hands?

3. Where can microbes live?

4. What did you find most interesting about microbes?

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