



Bad microbes

Background knowledge

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Science activity

Write the letter **M** in the box beside each person infected with a microbe.



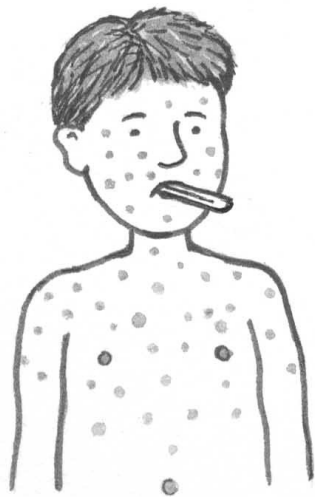
Cold



Toothache



Sprained ankle



Chicken pox



Broken arm

Science investigation

⚠ Take extra care - ask an adult to supervise you.

Make a poster for your room or classroom about the importance of washing your hands. Try washing your hands in water with dissolved disclosing tablets. What happens?



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⚠ The child can place his or her hands in the water with dissolved disclosing tablets to see the bacteria turn red.