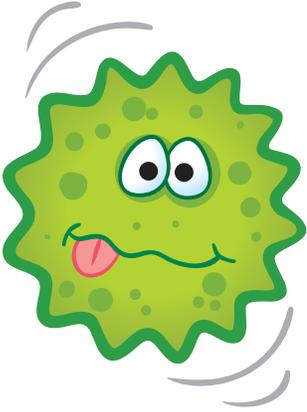




# Germs!

Read and do.



## Itty Bitty Invaders

Imagine a living thing so small you cannot see it. That's how little germs are. Don't let their size fool you, though. They can cause big problems! Germs can make people sick. Some germs are passed from person to person when people cough or sneeze. Some germs are spread when people touch dirty things and don't wash their hands afterward.

## Down the Drain!

The best way to get rid of germs is to wash your hands. Use warm water and soap. Rub your hands together for 20 seconds. Then point your fingers down as you rinse your hands. That way, the water goes down the drain. The germs do too! Lastly, dry your hands with a paper towel to rub off any germs that didn't rinse away.



1. How big is a germ? Circle the best answer.

the size of an  
apple seed

bigger than an  
apple seed

smaller than an  
apple seed

2. Underline two sentences that tell how germs get around.

3. Why is it important to wash your hands after you touch a dirty dog?  
Use details from the text to explain.

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# "GERMS!"

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## ANSWER KEY

1. smaller than an apple seed
2. Some germs are passed from person to person when people cough or sneeze. Some germs are spread when people touch dirty things and don't wash their hands afterward.
3. Answers will vary but should include that germs can cause people to get sick, and germs may spread if you touch a dirty dog without washing your hands afterward.