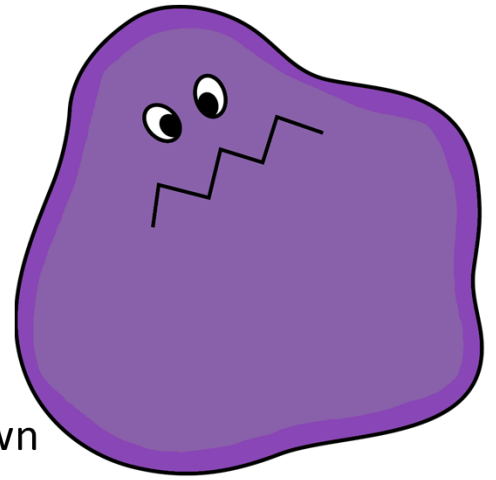


# Germs

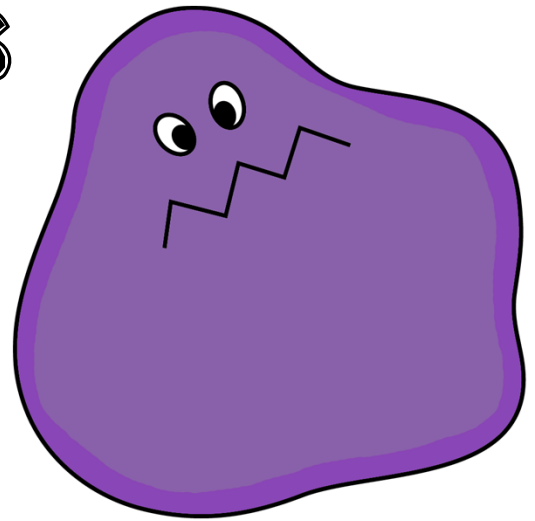


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1. Read the passage about germs.
2. Underline each word that you could not read.
3. Circle each word that took you more than 1 try.
4. Answer the questions.

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