

# What are Microbes?

- Microbes are living organisms
- They are so small we need a microscope to see them
- They come in different shapes and sizes
- They are found EVERYWHERE!
- Some microbes are useful or even good for us
- Some microbes can make us ill

## What are Microbes?

### BACTERIA

There are three different types of bacteria. They look like:

### Spirals

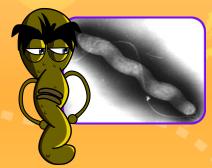
(Campylobacter)

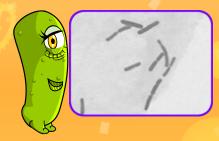
### Rods

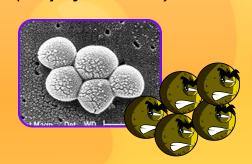
(Lactobacillus)

### Balls

(Staphylococcus)





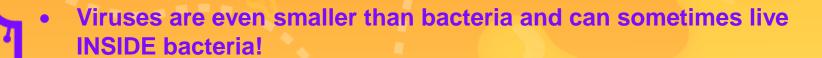


- They are so small that 1000s of bacteria could fit on the full stop at the end of this sentence.
- Some bacteria are helpful in cooking, for example, making yogurt and cheese.
- Some bacteria are harmful and cause infection.
- Bacteria multiply very fast.









- Most viruses make us sick.
- Diseases like CHICKENPOX and the FLU are caused by viruses.
- Viruses are easily spread from one person to another.

## What are Microbes?





### **Dermatophyte**



- Fungi are the largest of all microbes.
- Fungi can be found in the air, on plants and in water.
- Mould, which grows on bread, is a type of fungi.
- Some antibiotics are made by fungi!