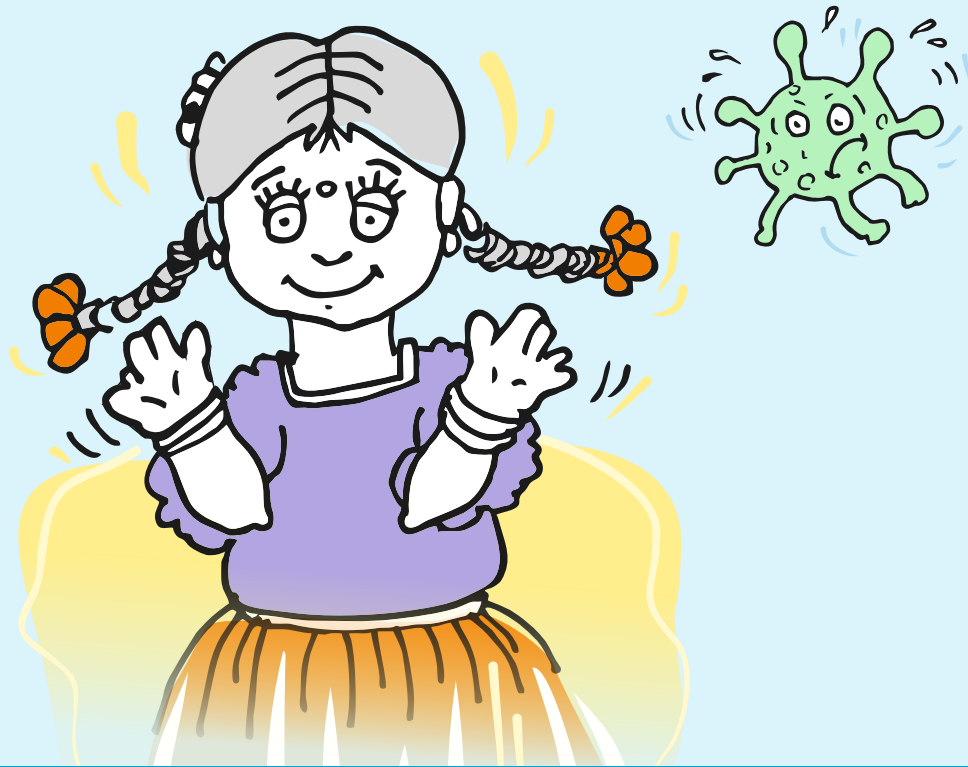




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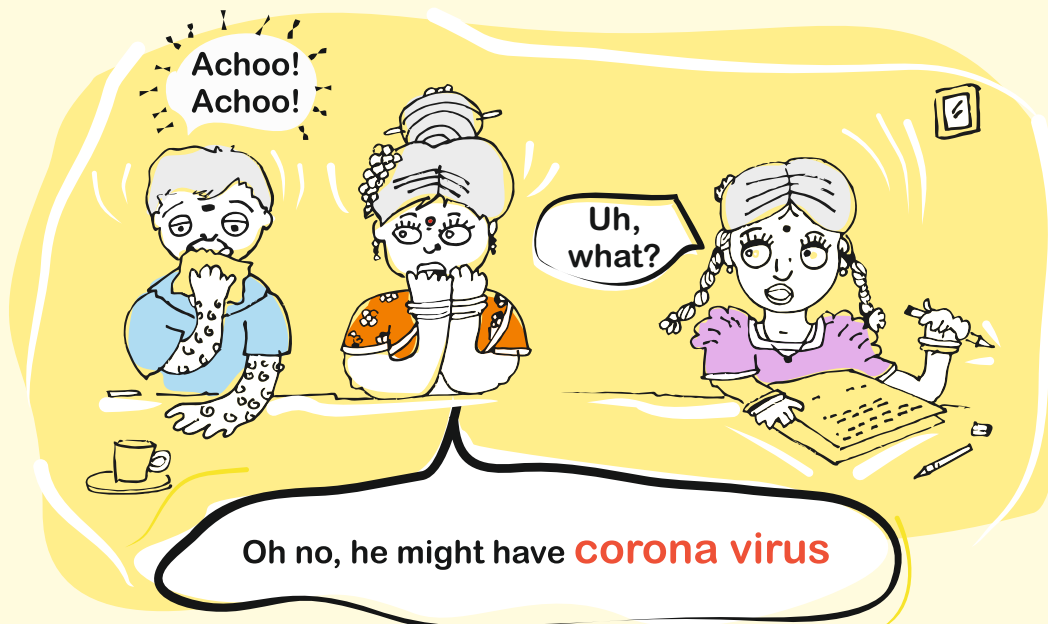


COVID-19

UNDERSTANDING OF THE NOVEL
CORONA VIRUS

A CHILDREN'S INITIATIVE

You might have heard the word “ Corona” from your **parents, school teachers, friends** or even through **television** or **social media**.

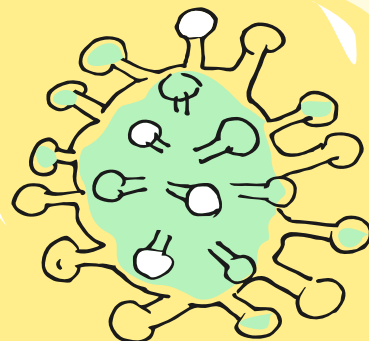


CORONA VIRUS is a newly discovered virus that causes a disease called **COVID-19**.

Various people from around the world have **fallen sick to this disease**.

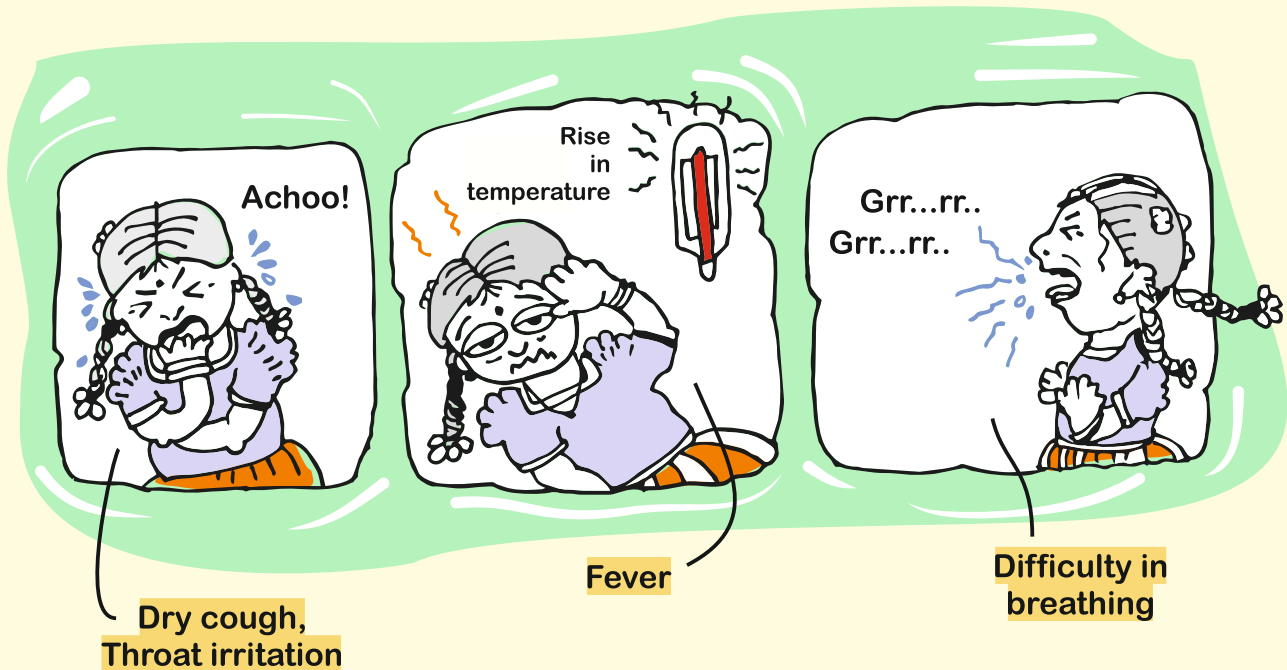
FACT CHECK!

- **CORONA** in Latin means “**CROWN**”
- Under a microscope, the virus can be seen to be crown shaped having spikes with bubbles at the end of them.



Most symptoms of **COVID-19** are similar to that of **COMMON FLU**.

(You might have already had some of the symptoms before)

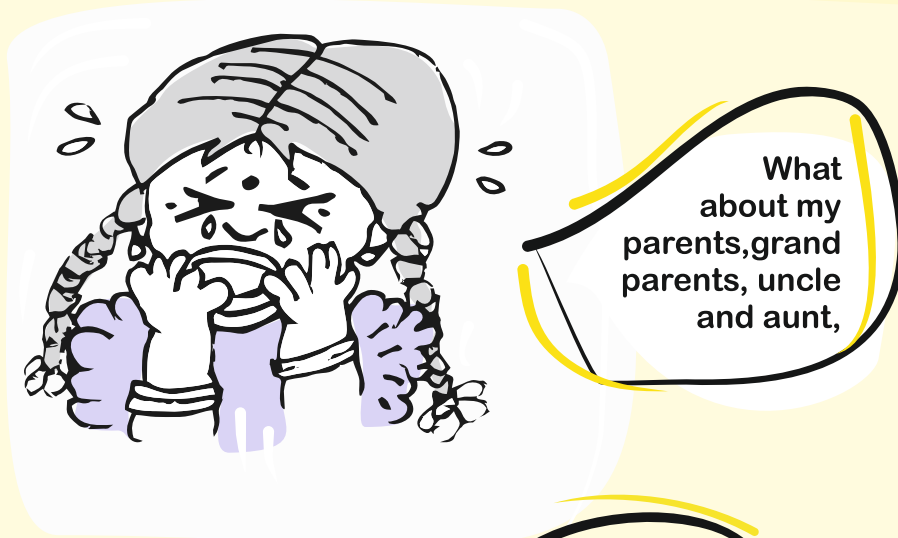
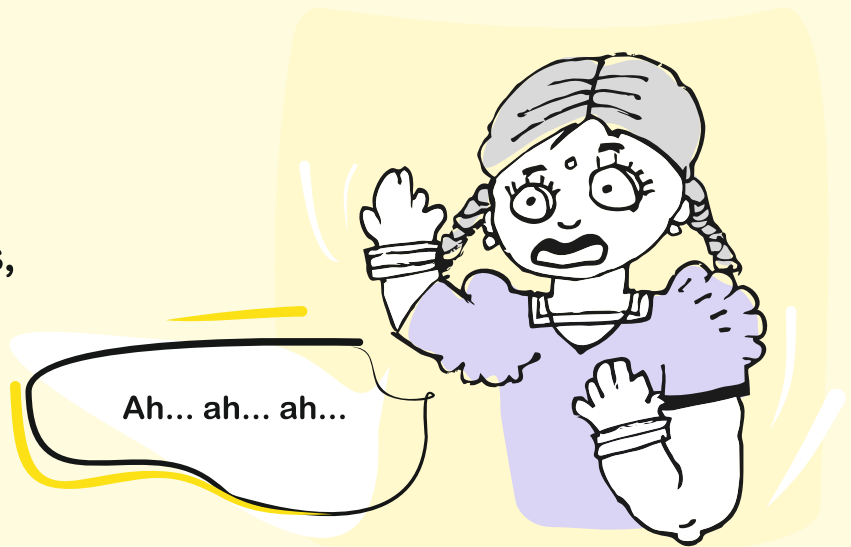


- Most people affected by the **CORONA VIRUS** are usually **mildly ill** with other diseases.
- **Children** are not greatly affected by the virus and even if infected, the **severity of the disease is minimal**.



Old people or **already sick people** are at more risk of catching the virus

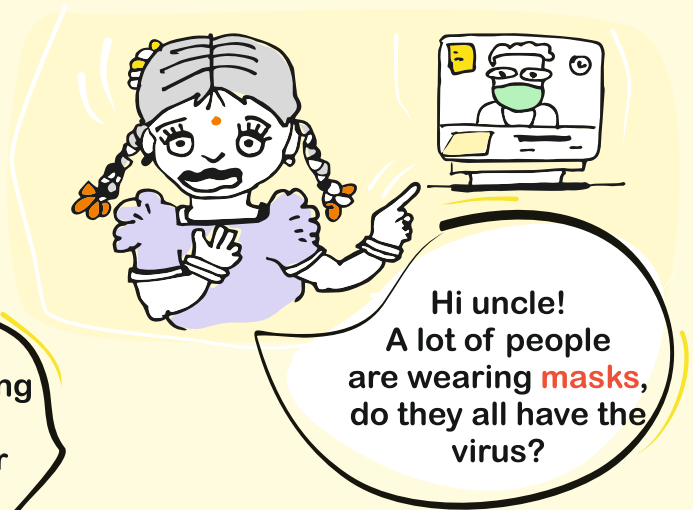
- If anybody falls sick or is doubtful of having the virus, they **can get medical help immediately.**



If you are **confused or worried**, talk to a trustworthy person to get clear and right information.



No no. They are wearing it to protect themselves or because of other illness.



Hi uncle! A lot of people are wearing **masks**, do they all have the virus?



What I am telling you is the right reason.

But my friends said so.



To **protect yourself, your family and friends** from the virus, you can follow a few **preventive measures**.

1. Wash your hands often!

- Wash with **soap and water**
- Wash for at least **20 seconds**. Singing the **alphabets or happy birthday to you** is helpful to do so.
- It is important to wash before and after eating, after using the bathroom and immediately after coming back home.
- Scrub gently and wash in between **fingers, nails, front and back of both your hands**.



ABCDEFGH...
LMNOPQRST...



Hey, wash that side of your hand properly and don't rush

Ooooo... lalala...
oooo... ooo...
lalala.. la

2. Sneeze or cough into your elbow, handkerchief or tissue

- Corona virus spreads through little **droplets** from lungs and body of an infected person.
- Using hand **kerchief or tissue** prevents spreading of the virus to your hands, surroundings or other people.



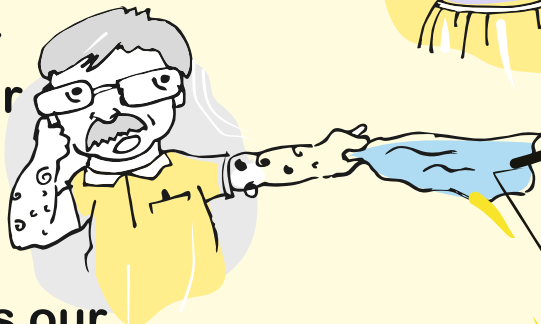
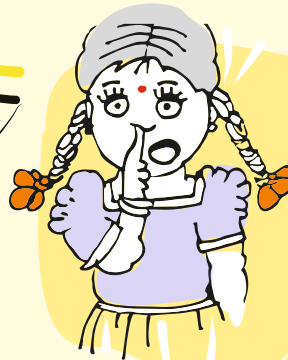
Aiyo, This is why I told you to always cover your face.



3. Avoid touching your face.

- Do not rub your **eyes**, touch your **mouth** or pick your **nose**.
- The virus enters our bodies through these ways.

But I like digging my nose



Oh then use a tissue to clean your nose and throw away the used tissue in a covered dustbin.

ANYONE

can get infected by this virus

BEWARE

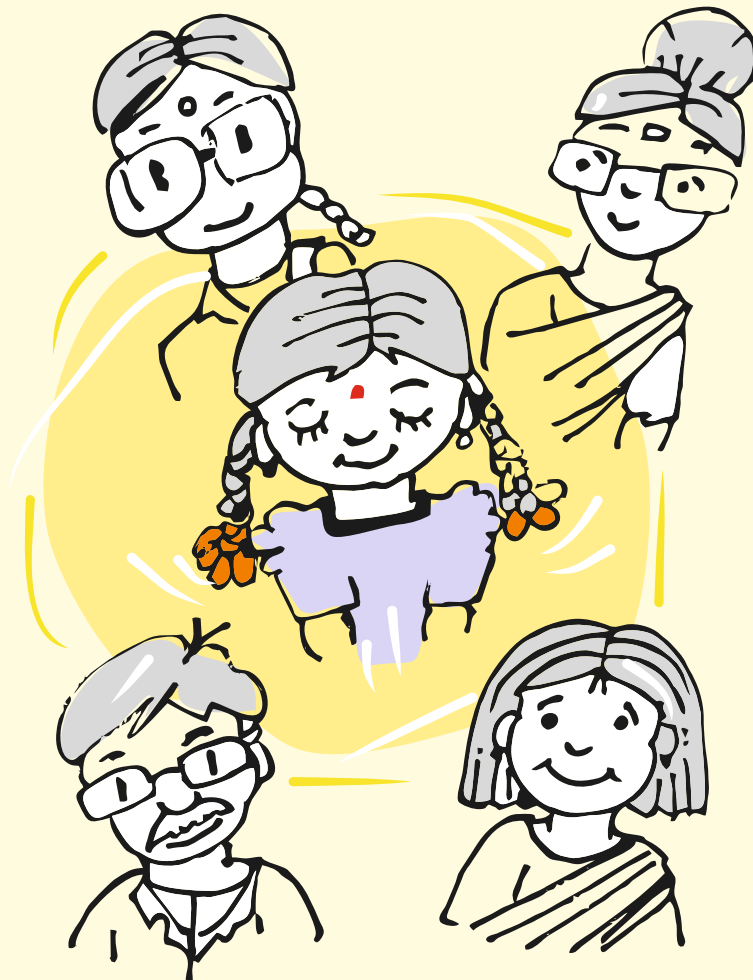


CORONA VIRUS does not affect someone based on their caste, race, community or state. It can affect anybody. No one is completely immune.

A few people may be different from us by the way they look or the language they speak but that does not increase their chances of getting the **corona virus** or spreading it to other people.

REMEMBER!

A lot of people are working very hard to protect us. We should be thankful for their selfless services.



Always remember, to beat the COVID-19 disease it is important to **maintain social distancing, stay at home and wash hands with soap** often.



ABOUT THE INITIATIVE

UNICEF and Inklink charitable Trust co-created this children's handbook on covid19. This handbook is in comic forms to guide the other children regarding Covid 19 prevention. Moreover, this handbook aims to ease the fear and stress of the current situation, among the children.

To create the book amidst lockdown was not easy. The basic sketches in this book were remotely created by the children of Kannaginagar, Tsunami Resettlement Colony, Chennai, at their homes, under the digital guidance from InkLink experts. The creative mentors from InkLink Charitable Trust organized online workshops for the children and adolescents group from 12-18 years for basic understanding of COVID19 and how it can be prevented from spreading. Later children worked on the storyboard through online discussion, maintaining social distancing. InkLink Charitable Trust is committed to empower adolescent boys and girls through creative expression of art & craft since 2014.

The online sessions also educated the children about the healthy habits, social distancing and other basic prevention methods of Covid 19. By creating this comic handbook, we are aiming to reach out more children.