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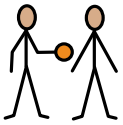
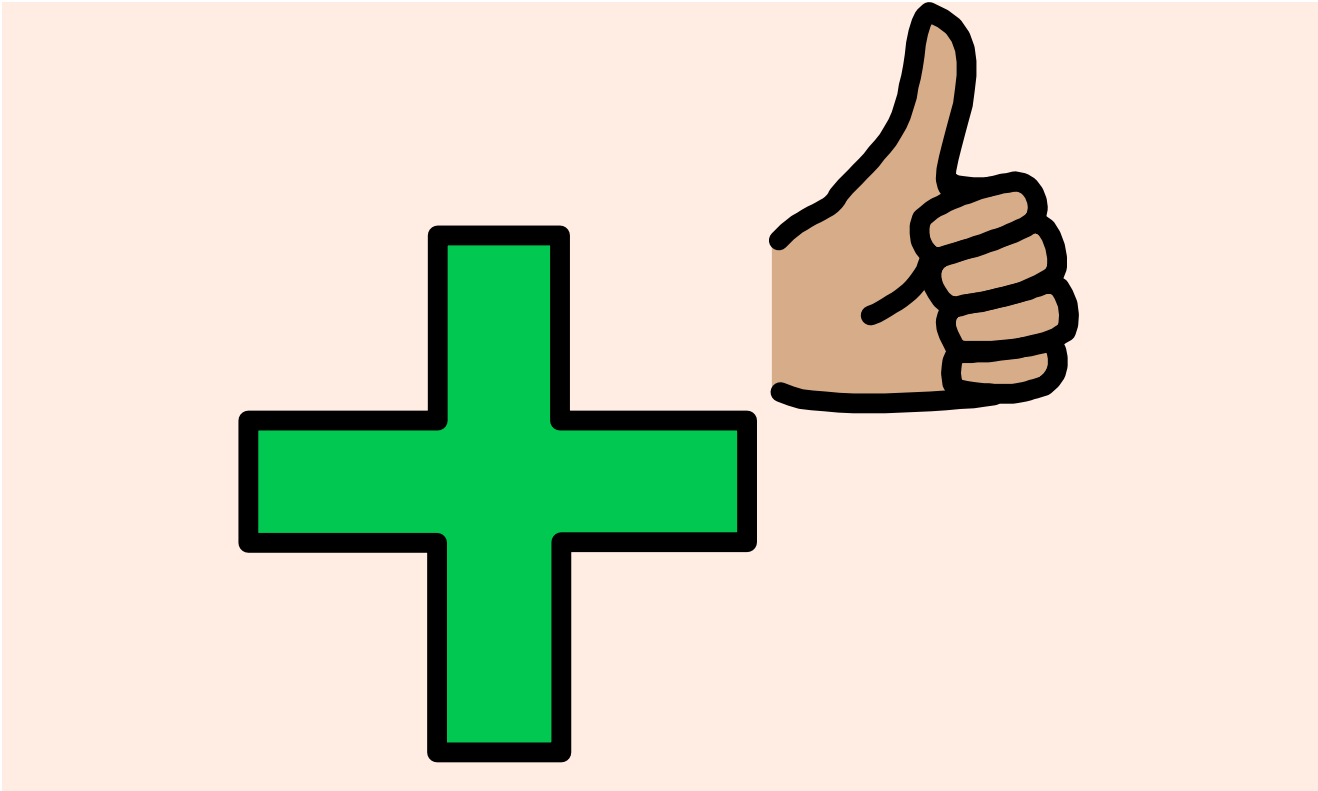
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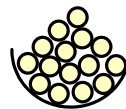
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is



made up

of



lots of tiny pieces.

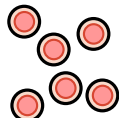


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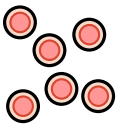
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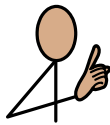


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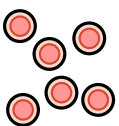


Cells

are



very important.



Cells



help



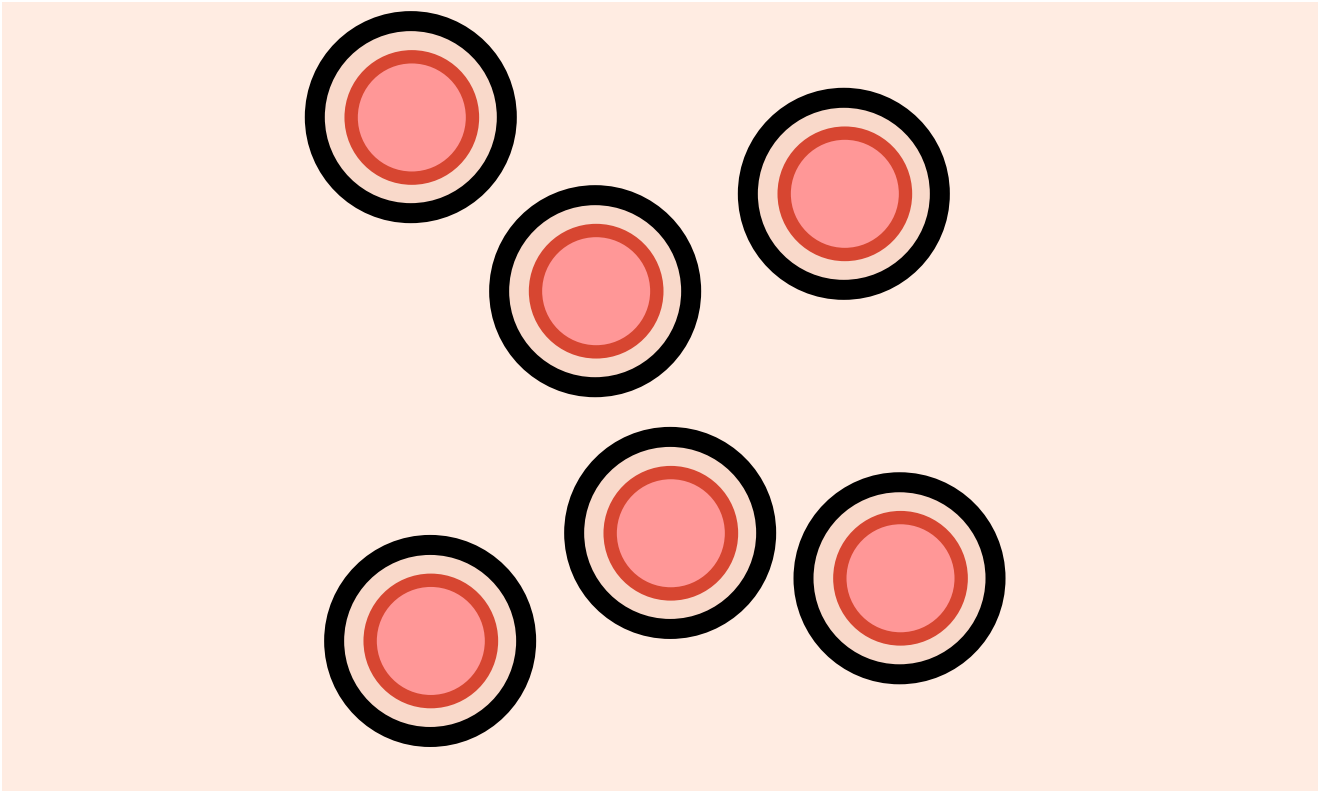
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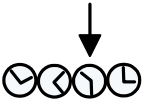
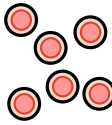
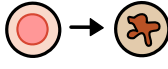



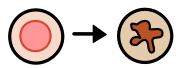


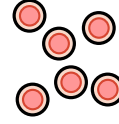
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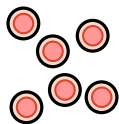

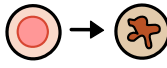


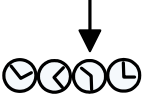



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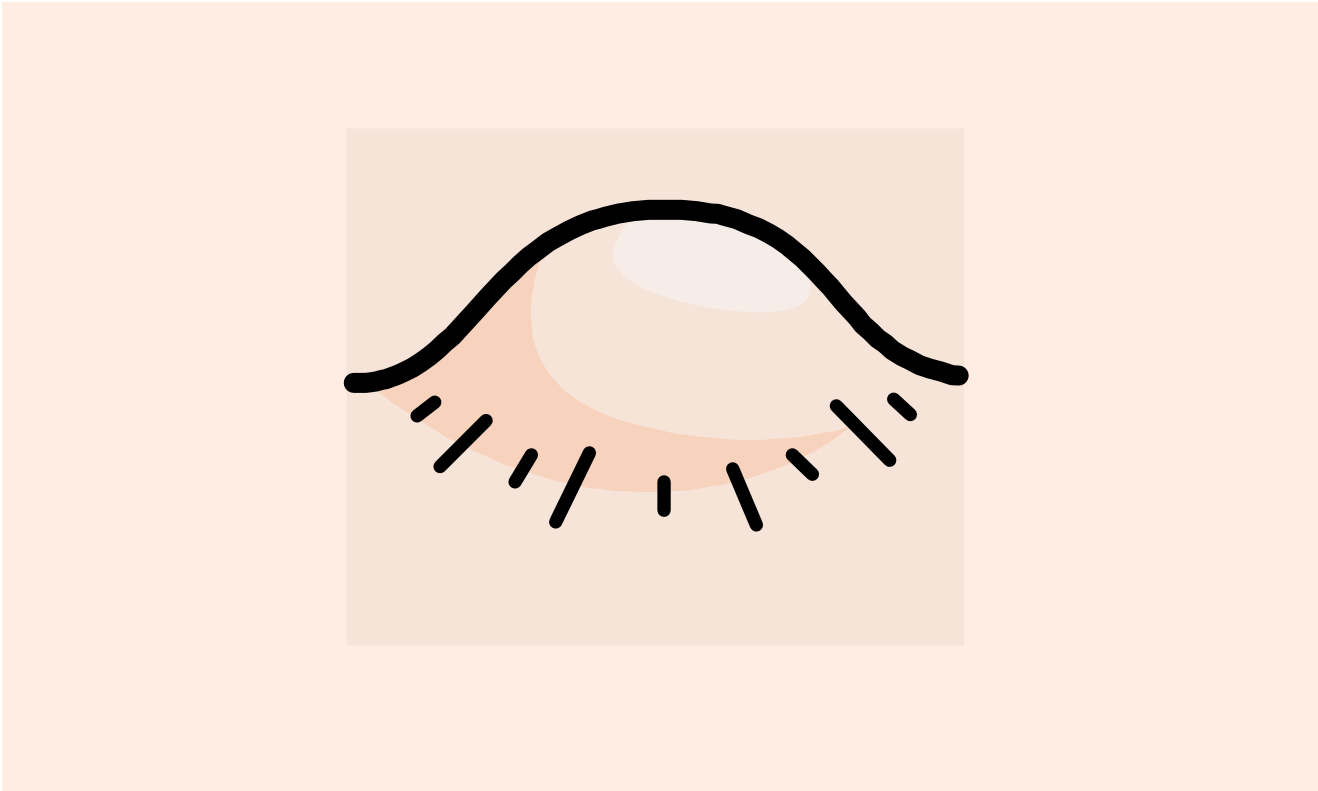





  
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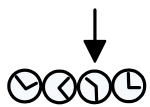
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 If one cell stops working, it can affect other cells.





  
 Other cells can also stop working.

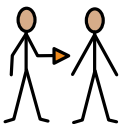




  
 Sometimes this causes a lump to grow.



The lump is called a tumour.



Sometimes the tumour is cancerous.



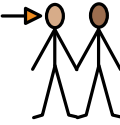




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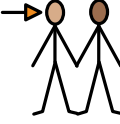

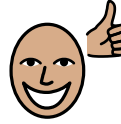



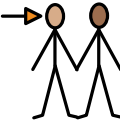
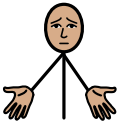
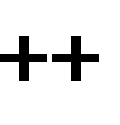
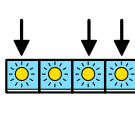
Cancer is inside the body.

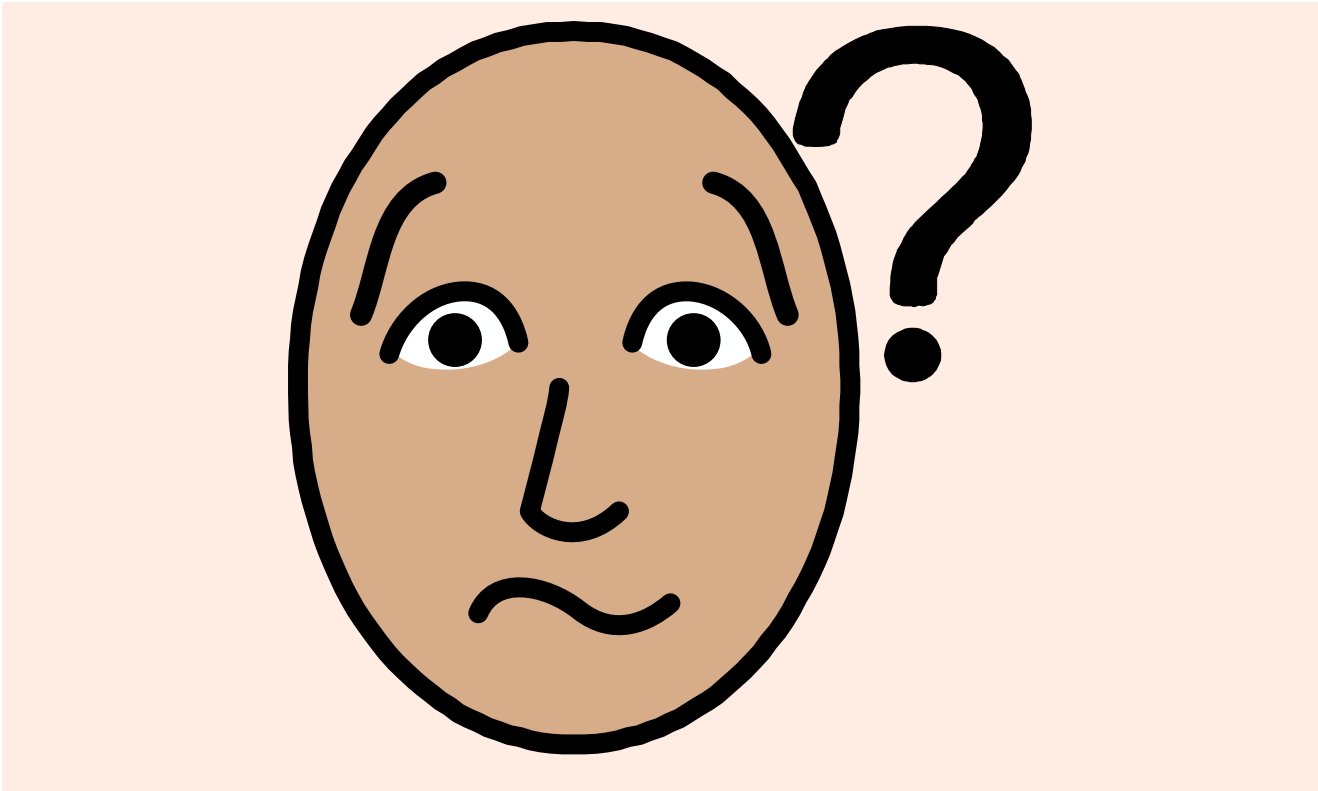



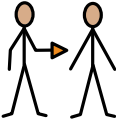
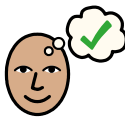



 If someone has  cancer they  might  feel very tired. 

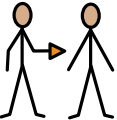


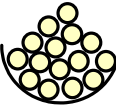

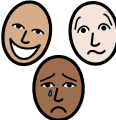
 They might  feel sick  or  unwell.




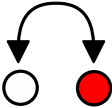

 They might  not be  able to enjoy  their hobbies.

 They might  need  more  rest than  usual.







It can be  difficult if  you  know  someone with  cancer.

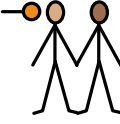




 You  might  feel  lots of  different  emotions.

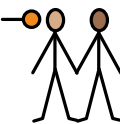




 It is ok  to  feel sad  or  worried.

 It is ok  to  feel upset  or  angry.



Having  cancer might  change the way a person  looks. 

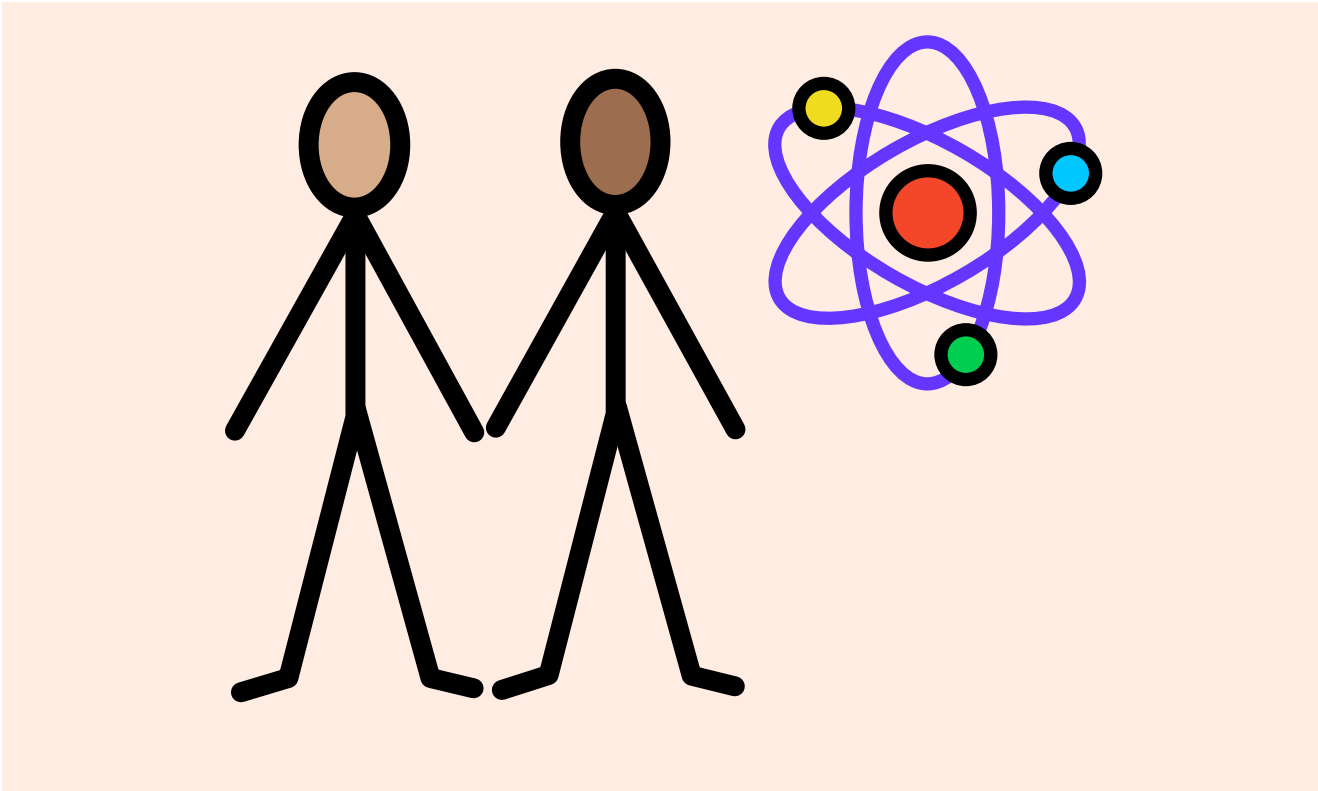
 Their  hair might be  short or a  different  colour.






 Their  hair might  fall out and they  might  wear a wig.



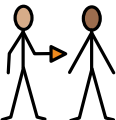
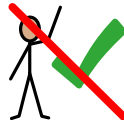

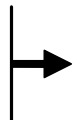

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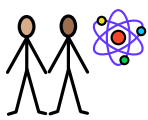

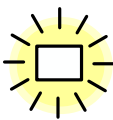
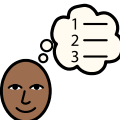




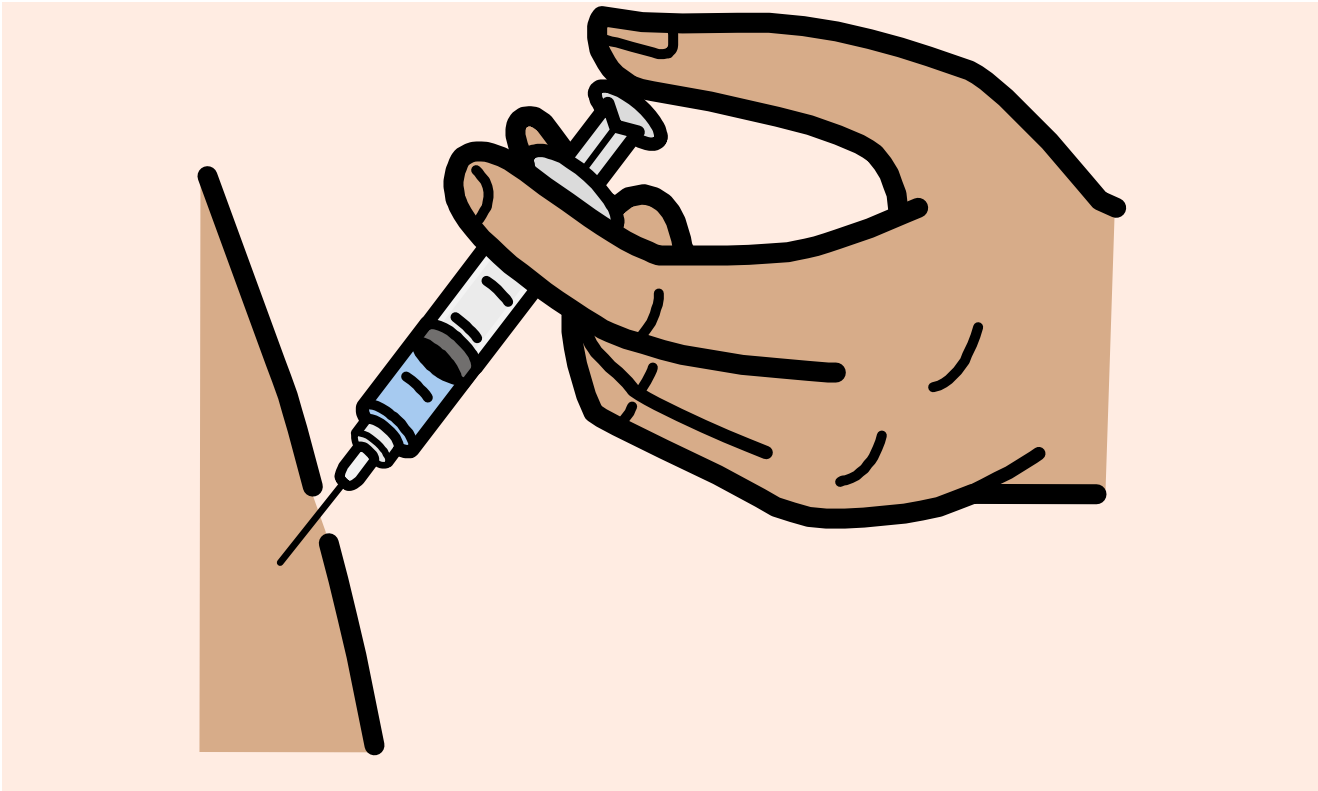


It is  not  your  fault if  a person has  cancer.

It is  nobody's  fault.

 You  cannot catch  cancer  from  a person.

 Scientists are  discovering  new  ways to  treat  cancer.



Doctors



give



people



medication



to help them.



People

are

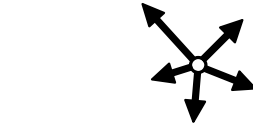


given

their



medication



in different ways.

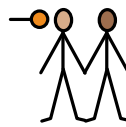


A person

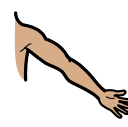
might have a needle



put in



their



arm.

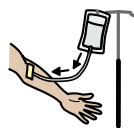


A person might

have medication



put into their arm.





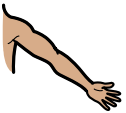
Do not touch



the person's



arm.



It

might be



sensitive.



Be gentle



when

you



hug



the person.



After a while,

their



arm

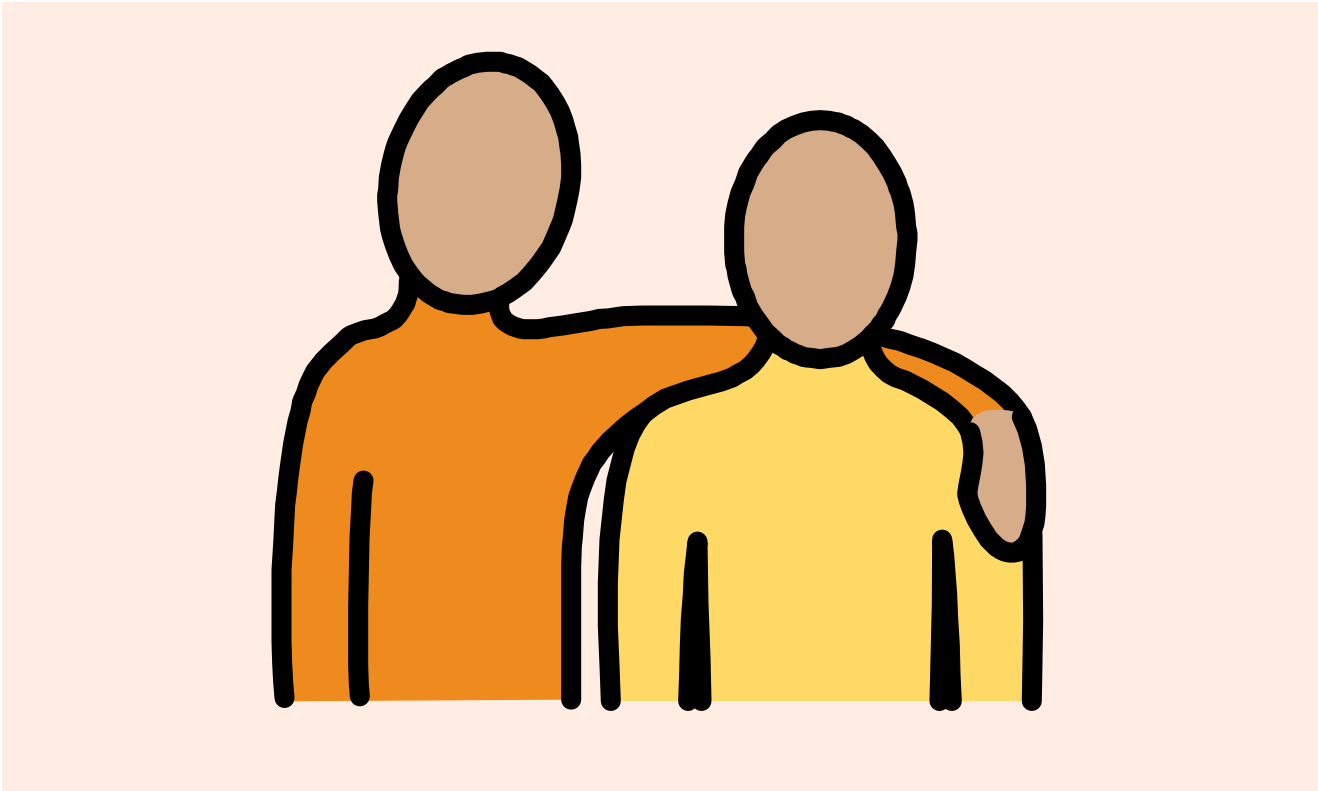
will



feel



ok.



A person



with

cancer



might



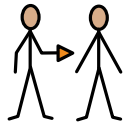
feel worried.



It might

help

if



you

give them



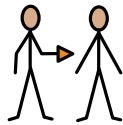
a hug.



It might

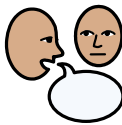
help

if

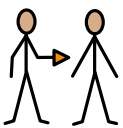


you

tell them



you care.



You

might



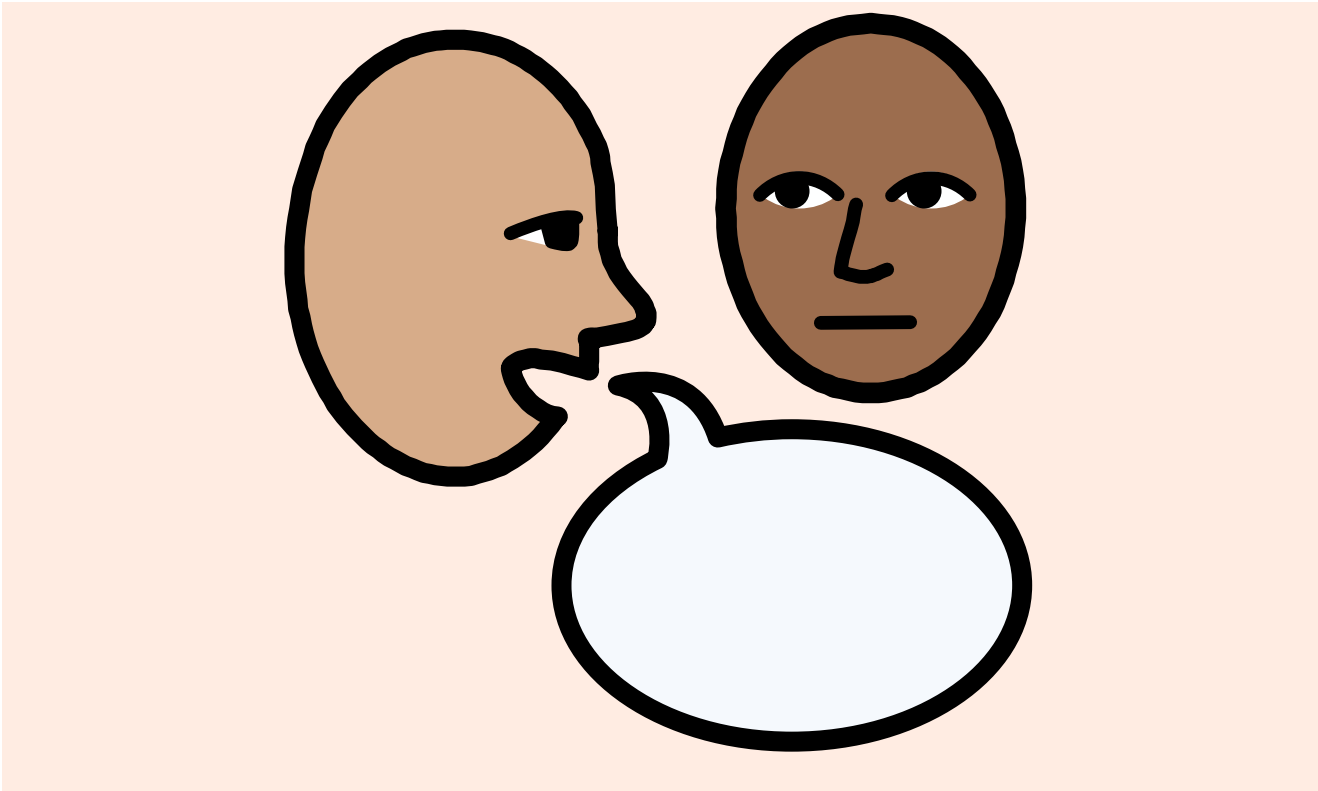
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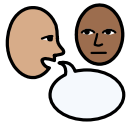


worried

too.



You can



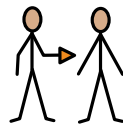
talk to



someone



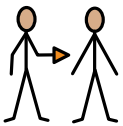
about how



you

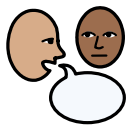


feel.

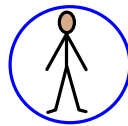


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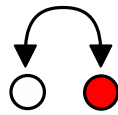
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talk to



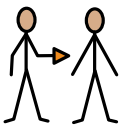
a parent



or

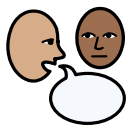


a teacher.



You

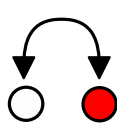
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talk to



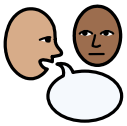
a nurse



or



a counsellor.



Talking to

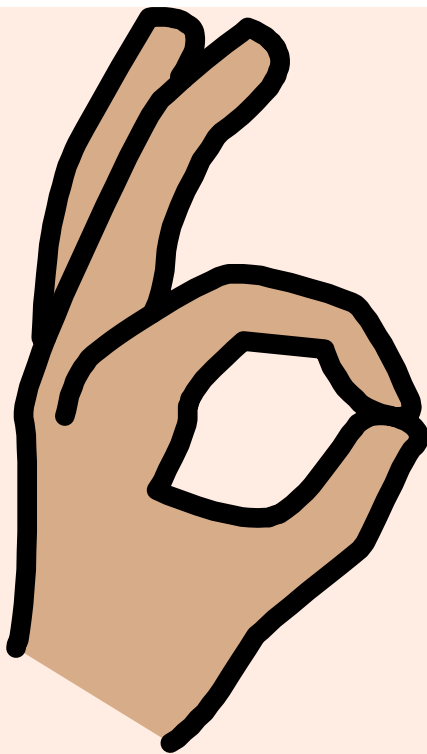


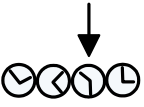
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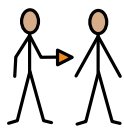
can be



helpful.



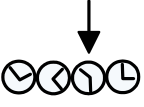
  
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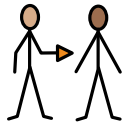
  
you

might

  
want to

  
be alone.

  
Sometimes

  
you

might

  
want to

  
spend time with

  
friends.

  
You

might

  
have fun

with

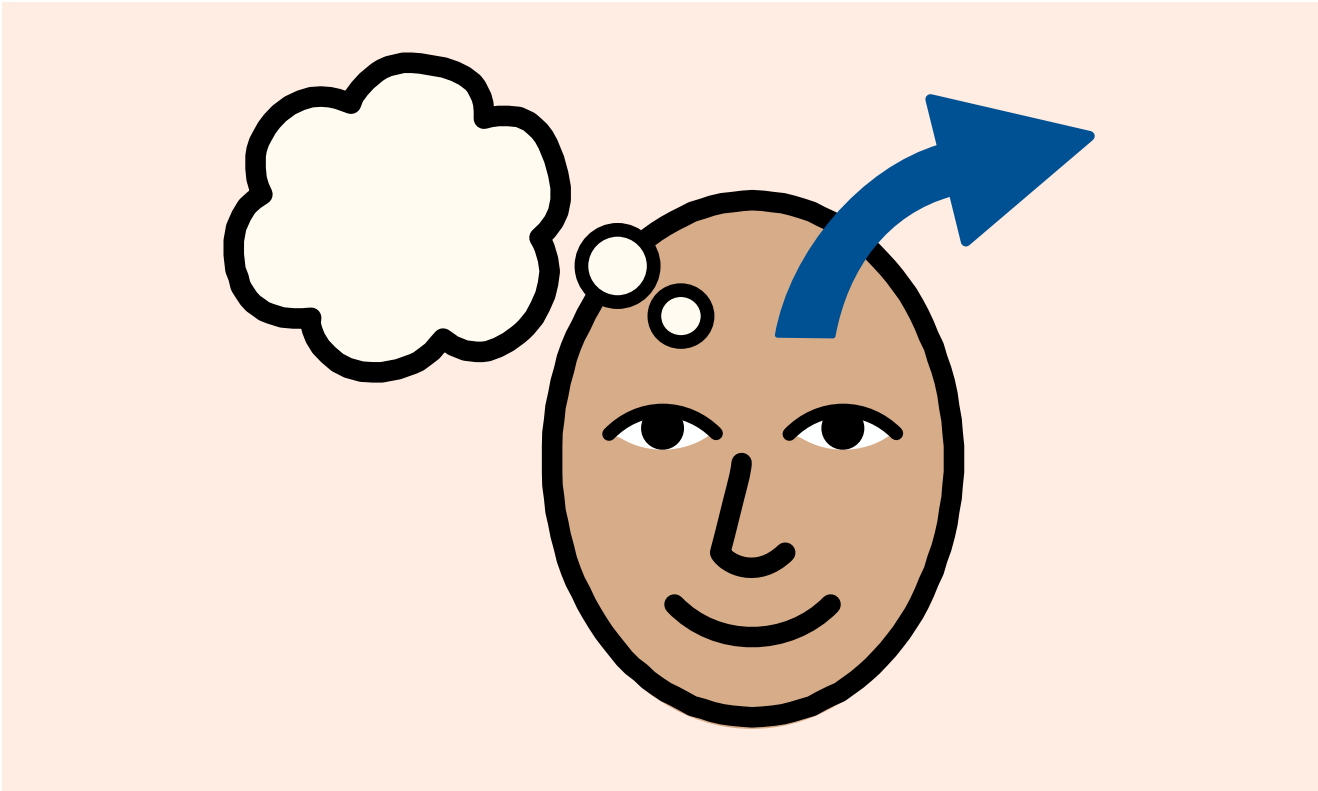
  
your friends

and


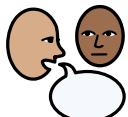

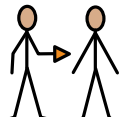

  
feel happy.

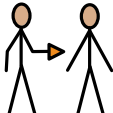
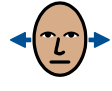
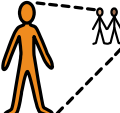





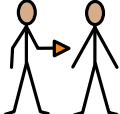
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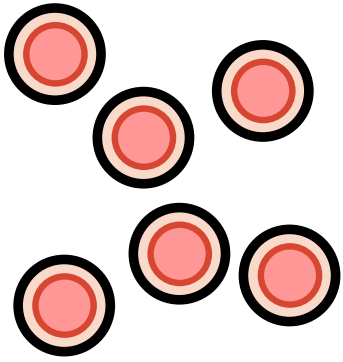


      
It is ok to feel however you feel.

      
It is ok to talk about how you feel.

    
You are not alone.

     
There are people who can help you.



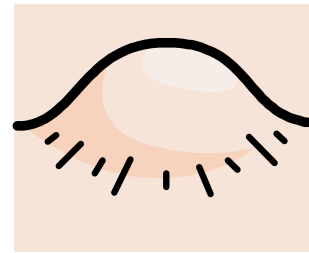
cells



healthy



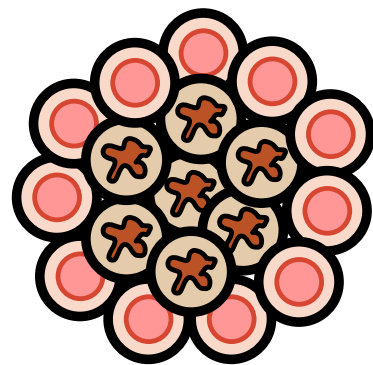
tumour



lump

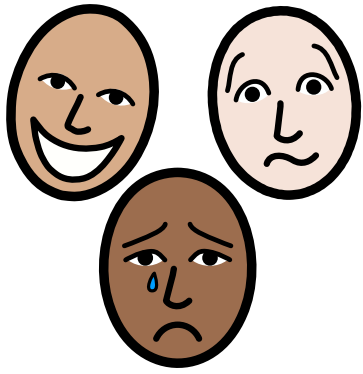


unwell

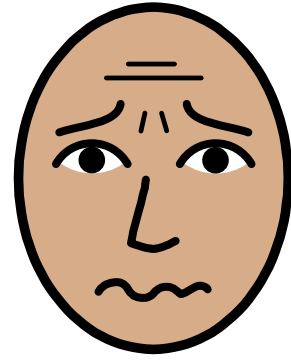


cancer





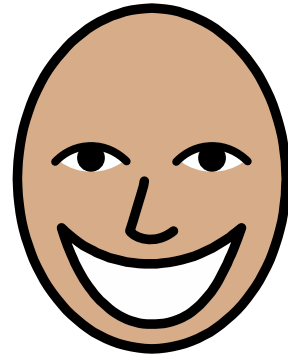
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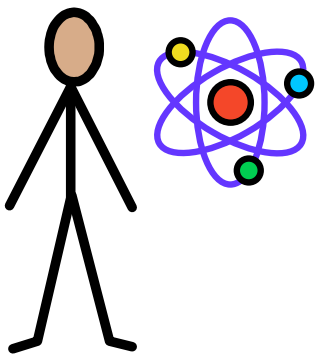
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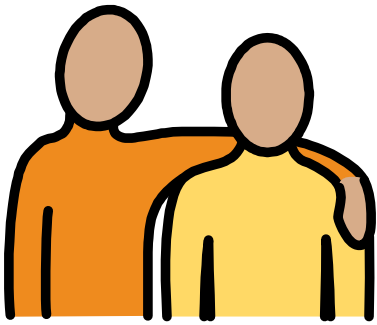
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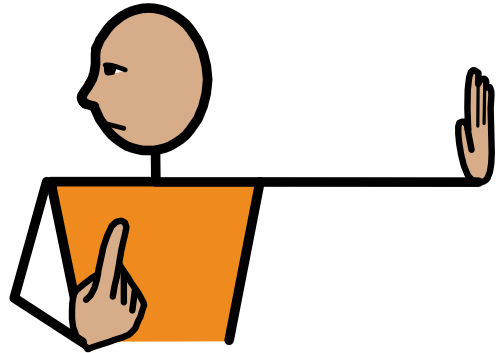
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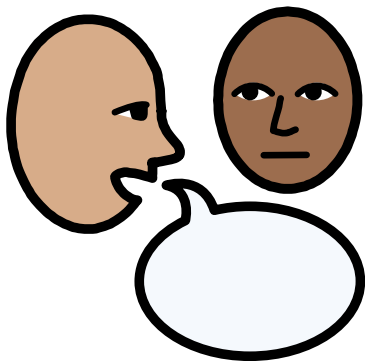
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care



alone



talk



people