A social story to explain masks to small children



## masks are magic!

I've noticed something different lately...

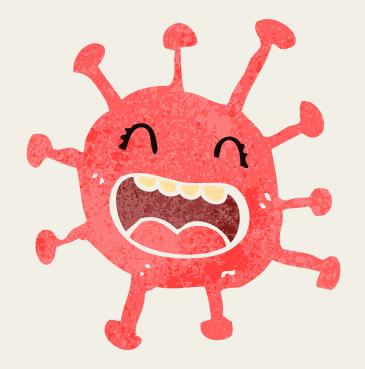


Lots of people are wearing masks on their faces!



These masks have a very special job.

They help to protect people from the coronavirus





## Some masks even have pictures on them



Before the coronavirus I didn't see many people wearing masks - mostly only doctors and nurses



## And sometimes superheroes...



But now lots of people are wearing masks - almost everybody!





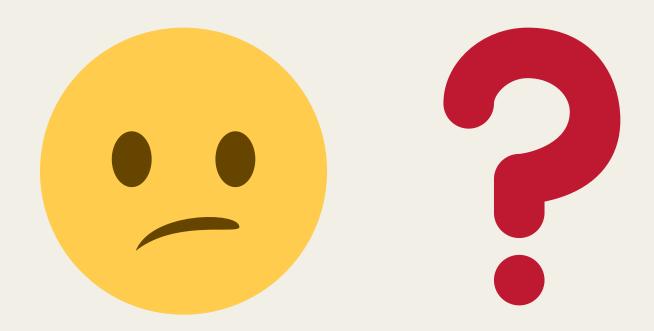
They wear them at the shops, at school and when they go out for a walk



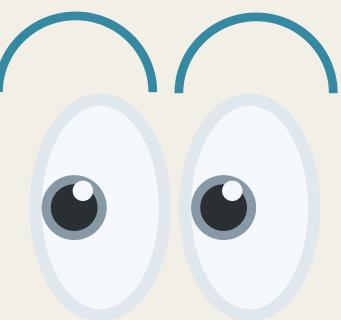
Because this is a new change, it might take a little bit of time to get used to



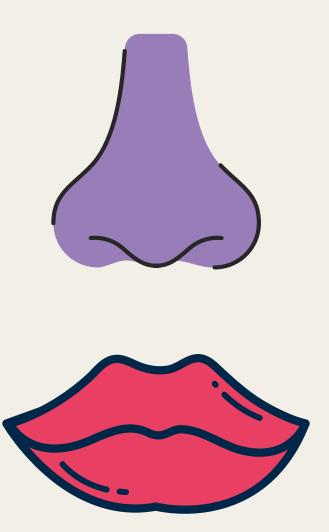
At first it might feel strange or confusing when we can't see someone's face



When someone wears a mask, I can only see their eyes



Their mouth and nose are hiding!



## People wearing masks can still talk

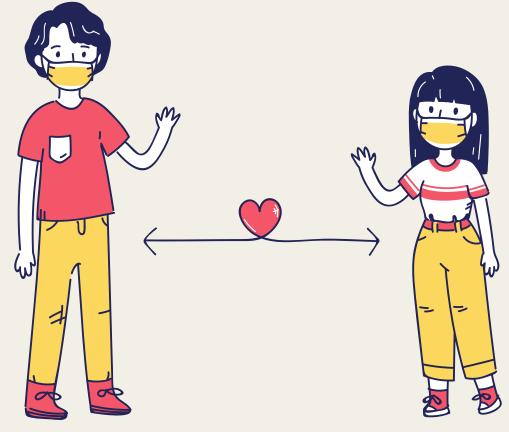
Hello!



They might even be smiling at me! I just can't see it like I usually would



Wearing masks is different, but it helps to keep us safe and healthy



I wonder if Teddy would like to try on a mask? Can you help?

