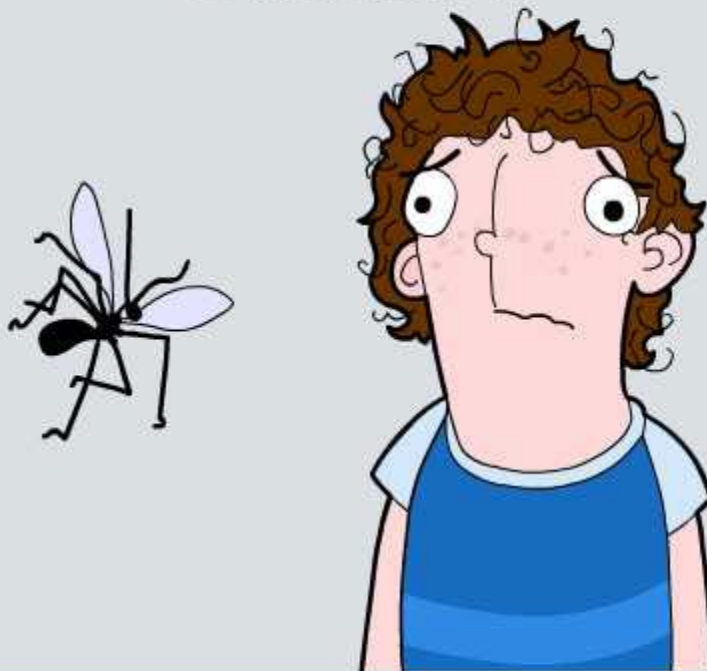


How Microbes Cause Disease



Microbes can cause disease

The diseases caused by microbes, and their severity, depend on the type of microbe:

bacteria

food poisoning
sore throats
tuberculosis (TB)
tetanus
cholera
typhoid
bacterial meningitis

virus

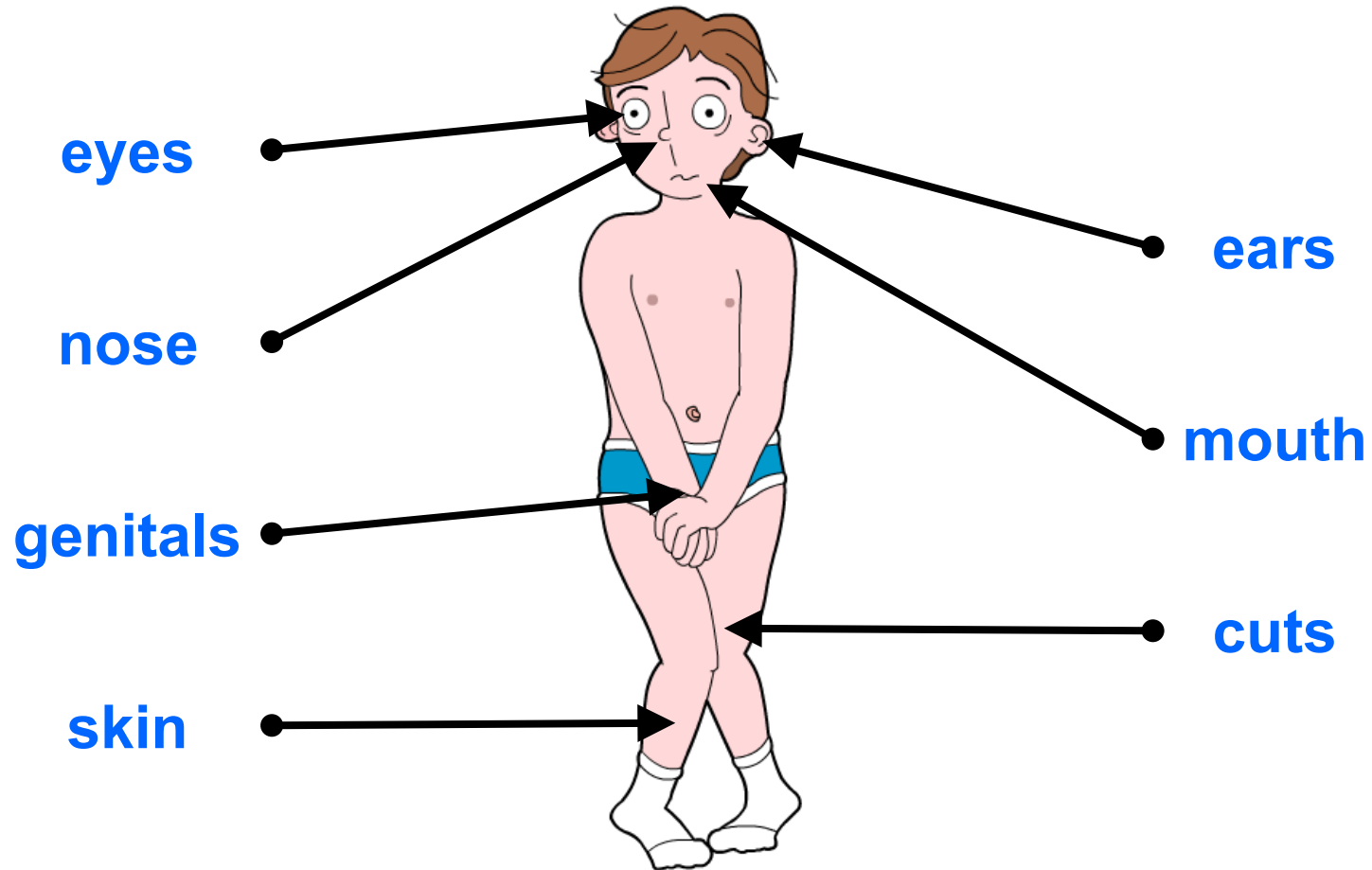
influenza (flu)
mumps
chickenpox
smallpox
polio
HIV / AIDS
viral meningitis

fungi

fungus sinusitis
athlete's foot
onychomycosis
(causes discolored toenails)

How do microbes enter the body?

Microbes can enter the body in many different places:



How do the diseases caused by microbes spread?

How does disease spread?

How are diseases transmitted from person to person?

The spreading of microbes and disease is known as **transmission**. There are many different routes by which microbes can be transmitted.

Click a transmission route to find out more about it.

airborne droplets

food and water

animals

direct contact

mother to child

