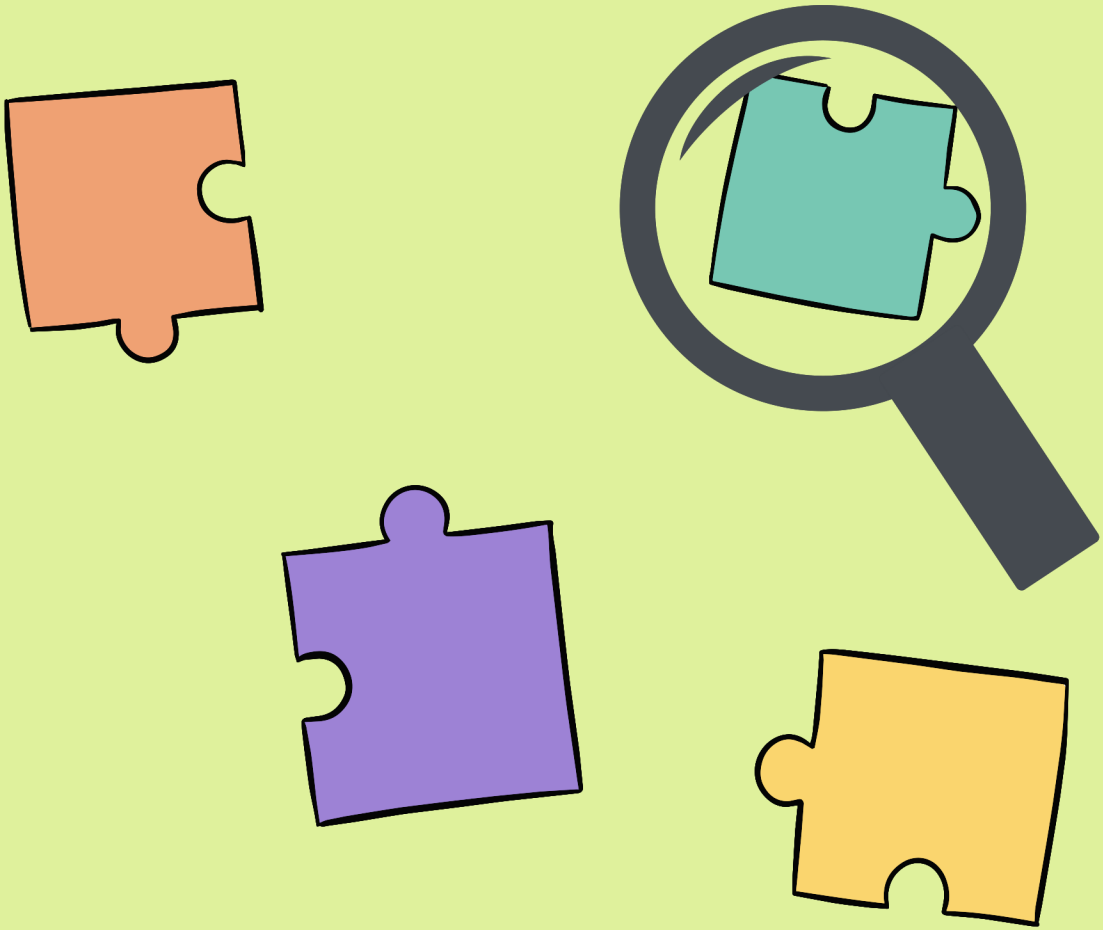
# THE STREP A STORY:

## LOOKING FOR THE MISSING PIECES



What is one way scientists find out what makes us sick?

SAMPLES

Samples help to tell scientists about people when they are sick and healthy...

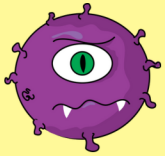








and about the things that can make us sick, like Strep A.



Samples are very important for science.



They are little scraps of stuff from us and from our places.

People at Telethon Kids Institute in Perth needed help to learn more about Strep A.




So they came to us for help. They asked if we could give them samples from ourselves and our places.

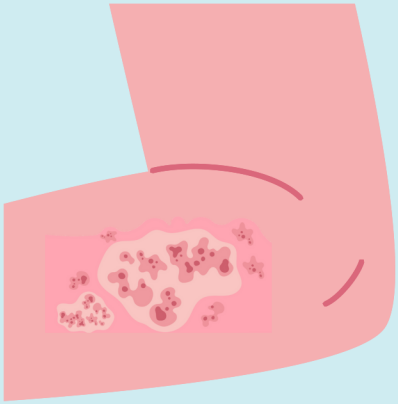
They had a yarn with our parents and carers to ask if we could give these samples.





Some of the samples came from our throats.





Some came from our skin.

Some came from our blood.





Some came from our classrooms.



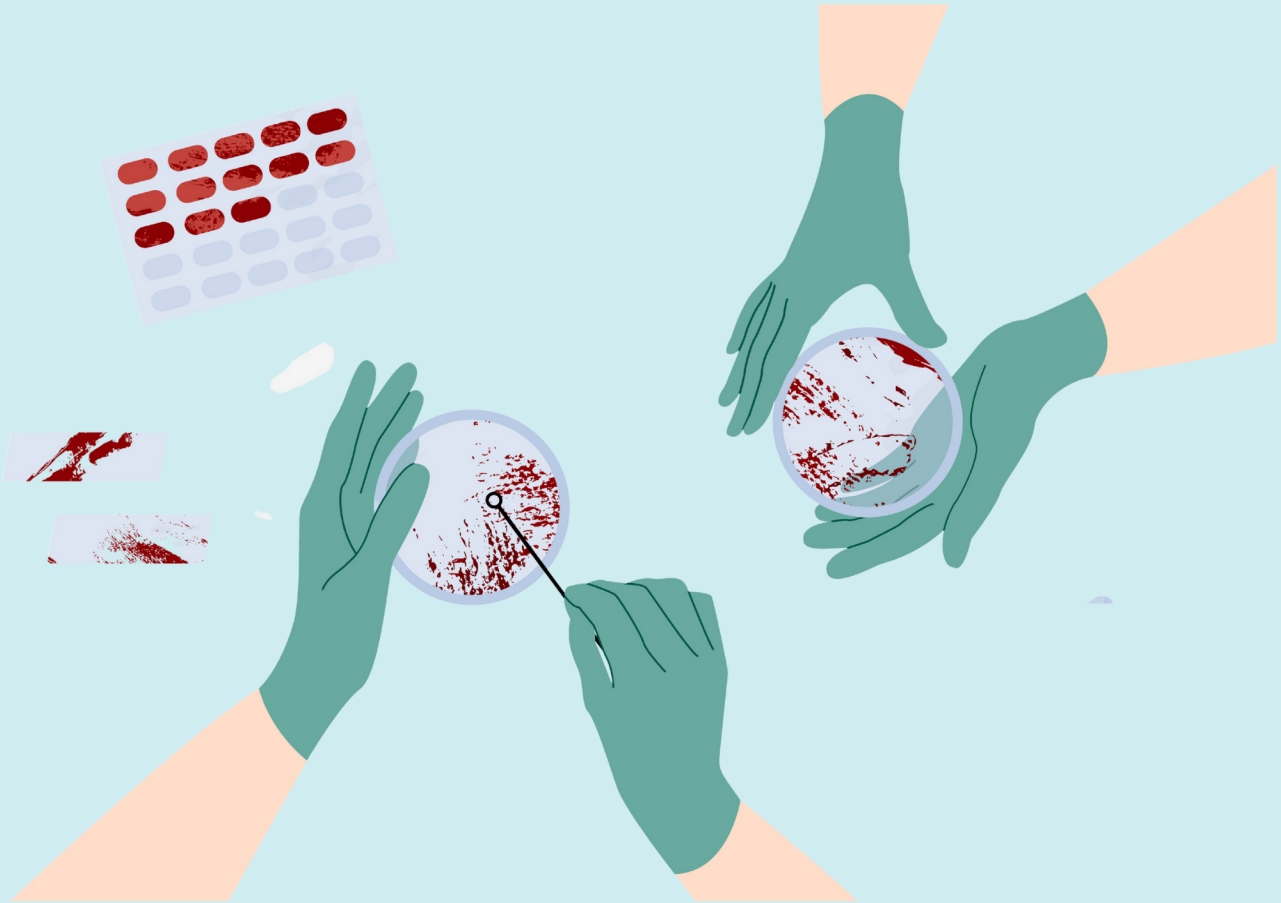
To keep the samples safe on the long trip back to Perth, they need to be kept cool from the hot sun...



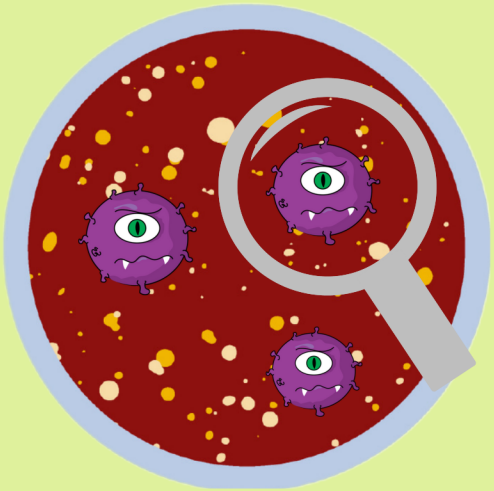


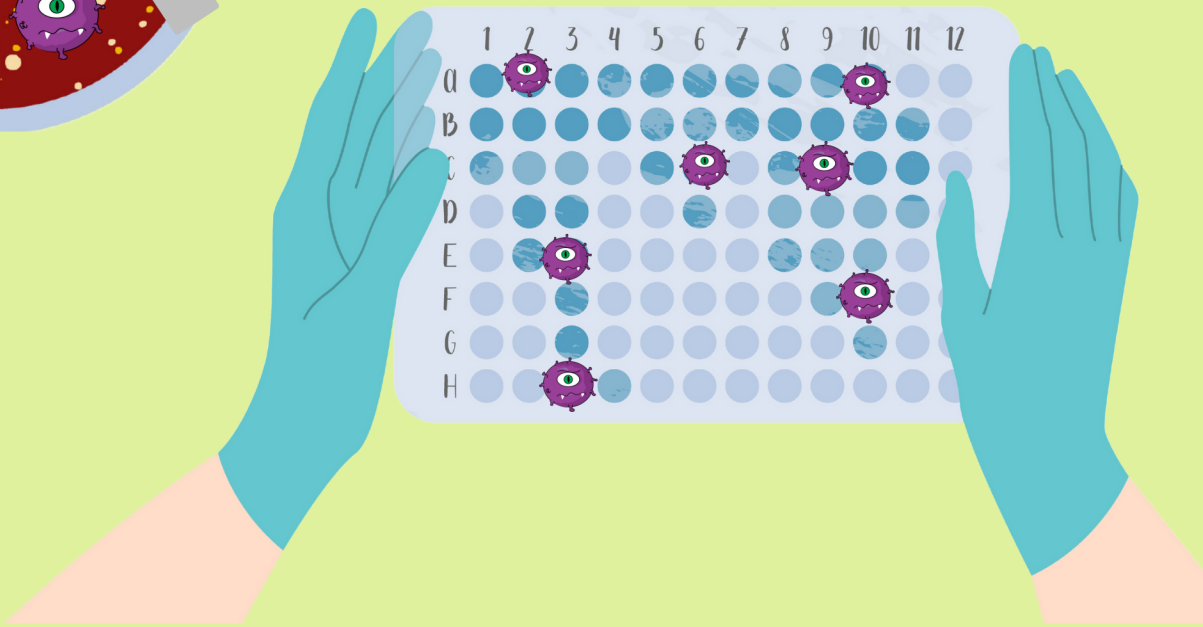
and protected so they don't get broken
on the bumpy trip.

When they arrive in Perth, scientists test them to see if they can find Strep A.



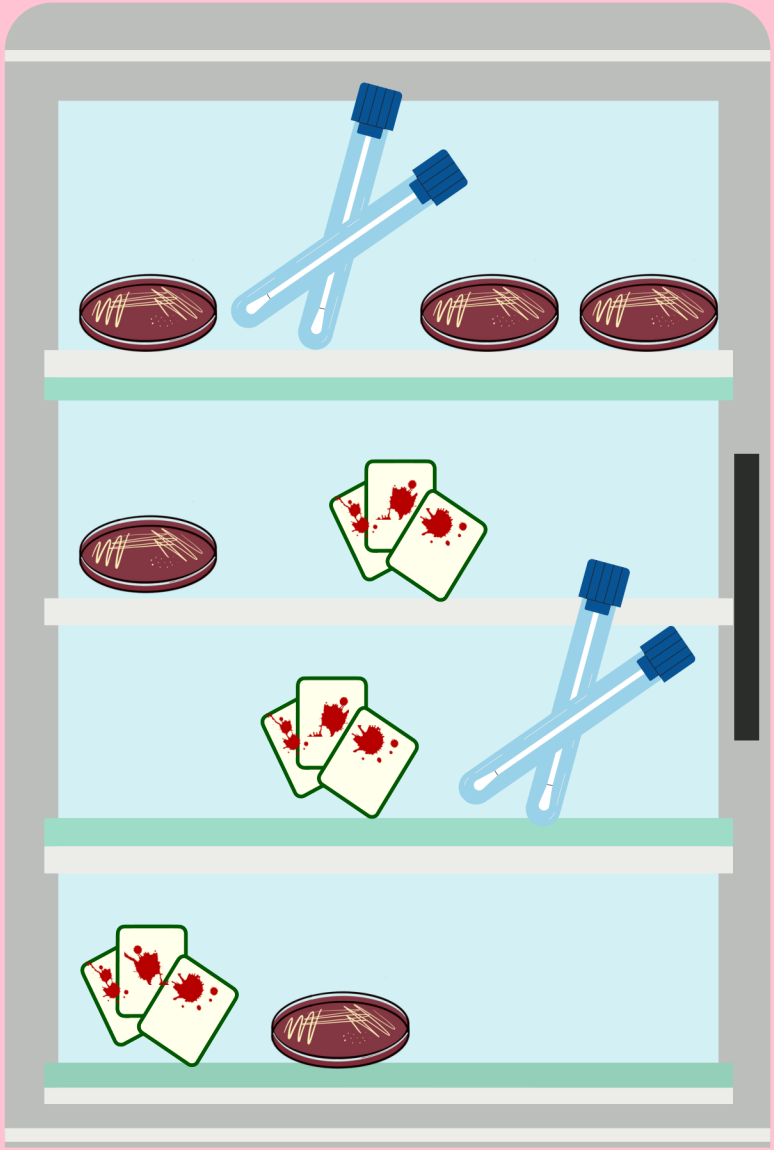
The samples from our throat are grown on special jelly to find Strep A.






The samples of our blood helps scientists know how much Strep A there is.

After the scientists are done, they store the samples in a very cold freezer to keep them safe.




These samples help scientists
to learn more about Strep A.
This is an important step to keep us
and our community healthy.

With our help, scientists can keep learning more so we can all stay well.

Photos of communities/ with Missing Piece project members

One big group photo

Community photo/significant place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