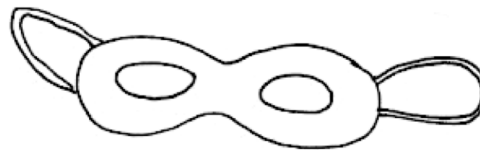
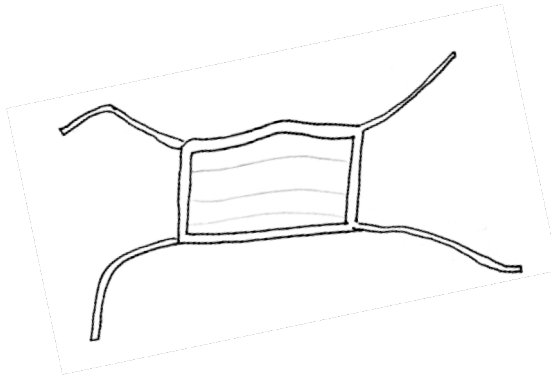
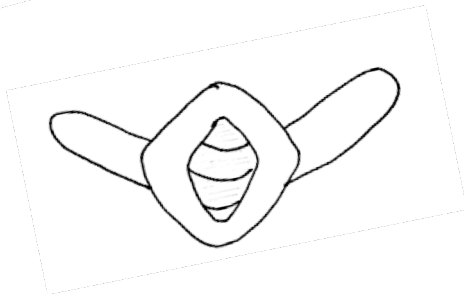
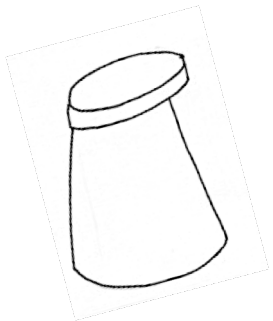


Why do people wear face masks?

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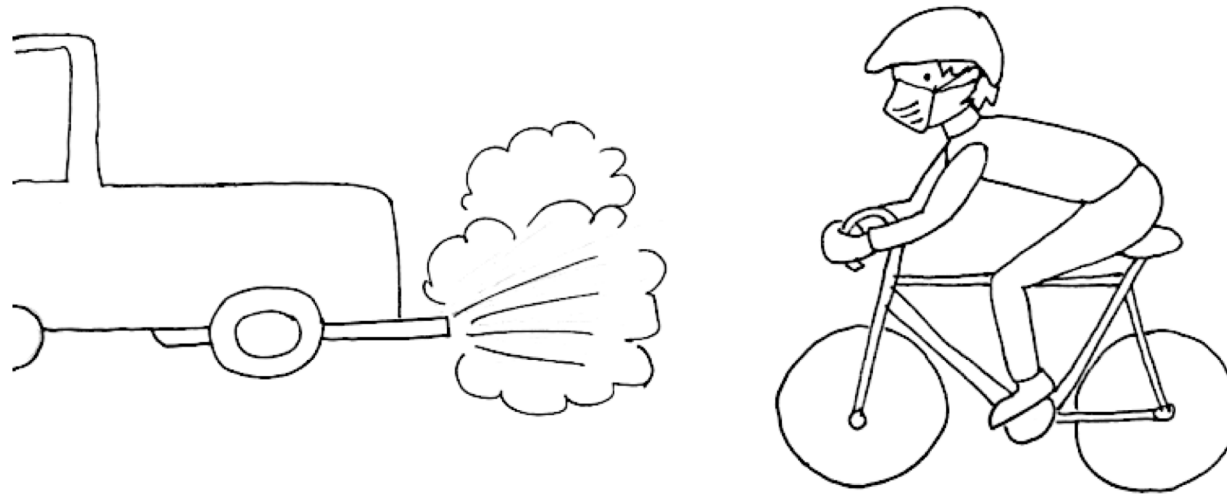
A face mask is a covering that is worn on the face. It may be made of paper, cloth, or plastic. Some face masks cover the nose and mouth.



People wear face masks
for many reasons.
Sometimes people wear
face masks when doing
jobs, to stop breathing in
dirt, dust or paint spray.



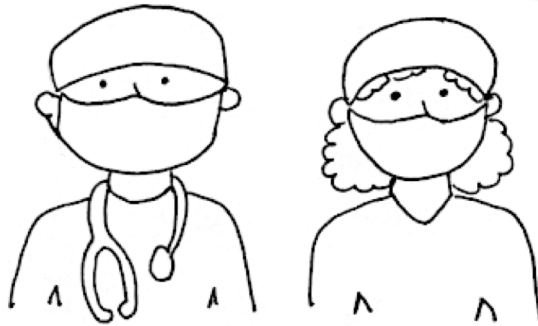
Sometimes people wear face masks when riding a bike, to stop breathing in pollution from cars.



Some people wear face masks to dress up to look like a different character.



Doctors and nurses may wear face masks when treating patients to stop germs being spread.



When someone puts a mask on they may look like another person or character. When they take the mask off they look like themselves again.



There is a virus making people ill. This virus spreads quickly from one person to another. Most people who catch the virus get better at home.



A few will need hospital
where doctors and nurses
will help.



Some people are wearing face masks
to keep themselves and others safe
when outside their home. This is
okay.



In my school some people may be wearing masks. This is okay, they are the same people I know under the masks. My teacher will tell Mum if I need to wear a mask.



I am learning about why people wear face masks.