SEEKERS

There are 4 TYPES of GERMS!

BACTERIA
Pronounced bac-tee-re-uh
Bacteria are tiny, tiny, tiny organisms!

Good Bacteria
Helps us digest our food!
Are used to make medicine & vaccines

Bad Bacteria
Can cause ear infections, strep throat and even cavities!

Fungi
Pronounced fun-GUY
Love damp, warm environments

Good Fungi
Can taste good and some help make your immune system stronger

Bad Fungi
Can cause athlete's foot!

Protozoa
Pronounced pro-toe-ZO-uh!
Love moisture and are often found in water.

Good Protozoa
Eat bad bacteria

Bad Protozoa
Cause diseases, like Malaria

Virus
Pronounced Vi-rus
Viruses are very small! Even smaller than bacteria.
Viruses are not living things – they latch on to living things to survive and keep going!

Good Viruses
Protect us from bacteria

Bad Viruses
Can cause a lot of different diseases like smallpox, HIV/AIDS, the common cold, flu, respiratory syncytial virus (RSV), and COVID-19.