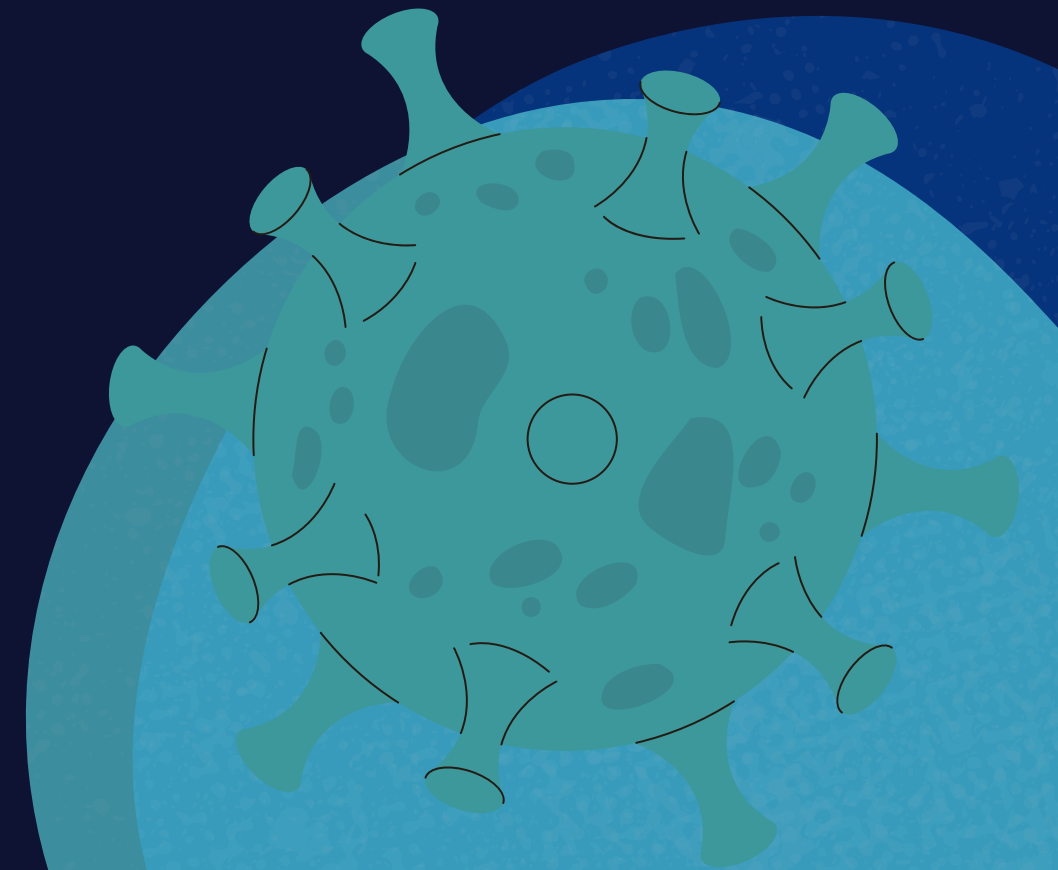
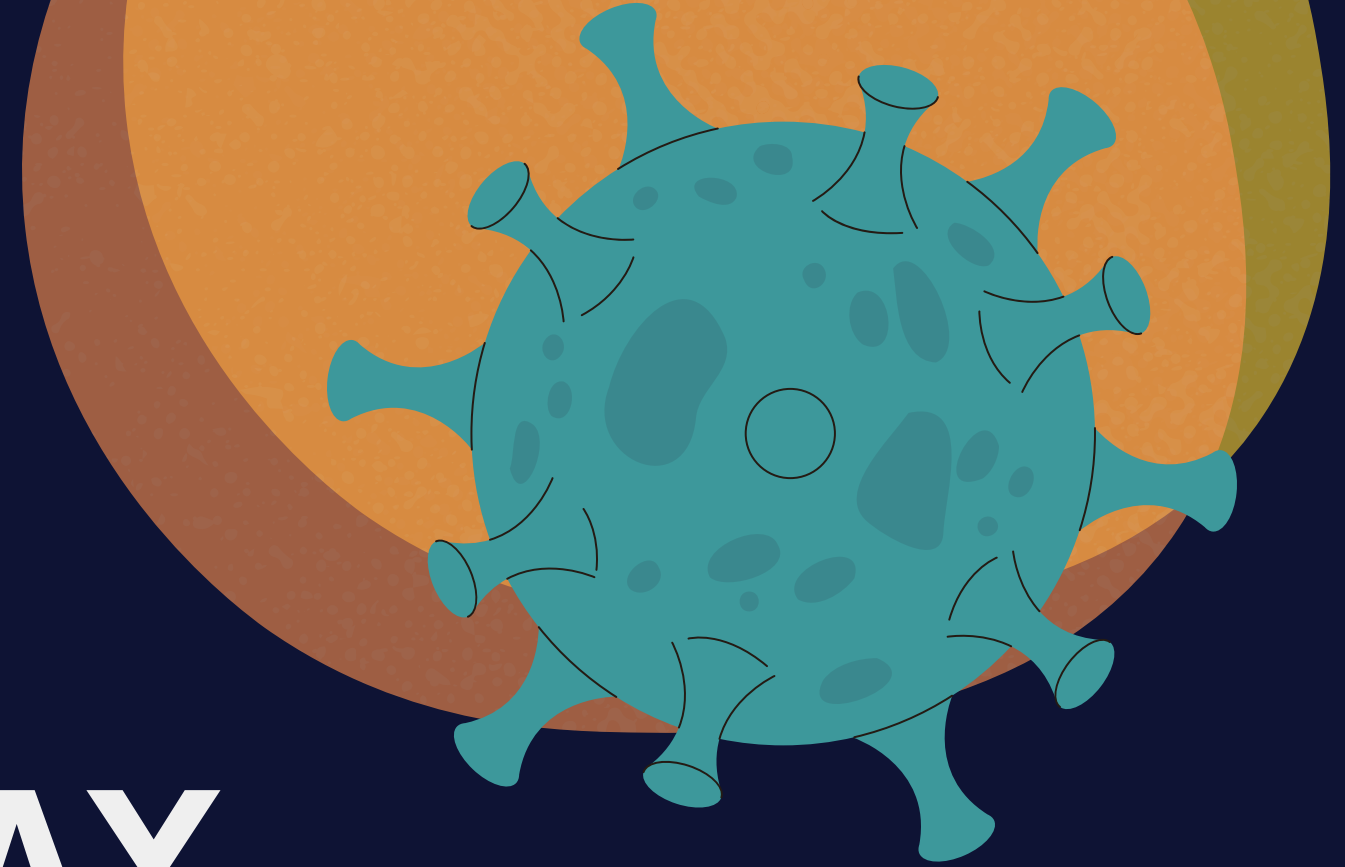
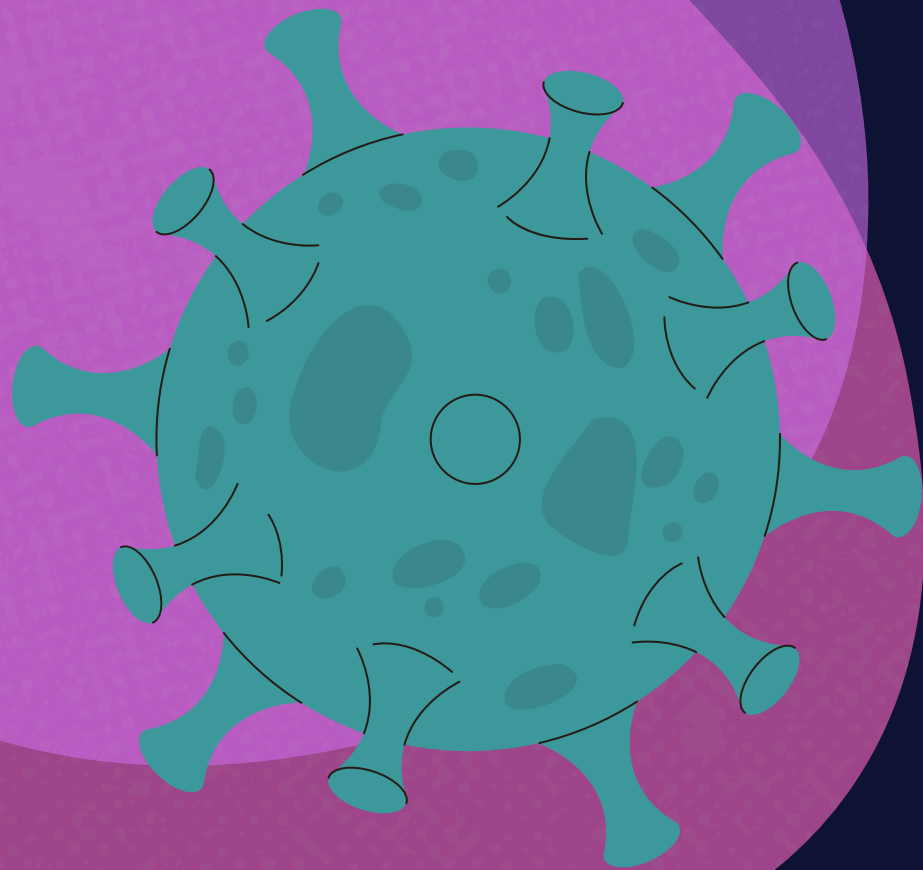
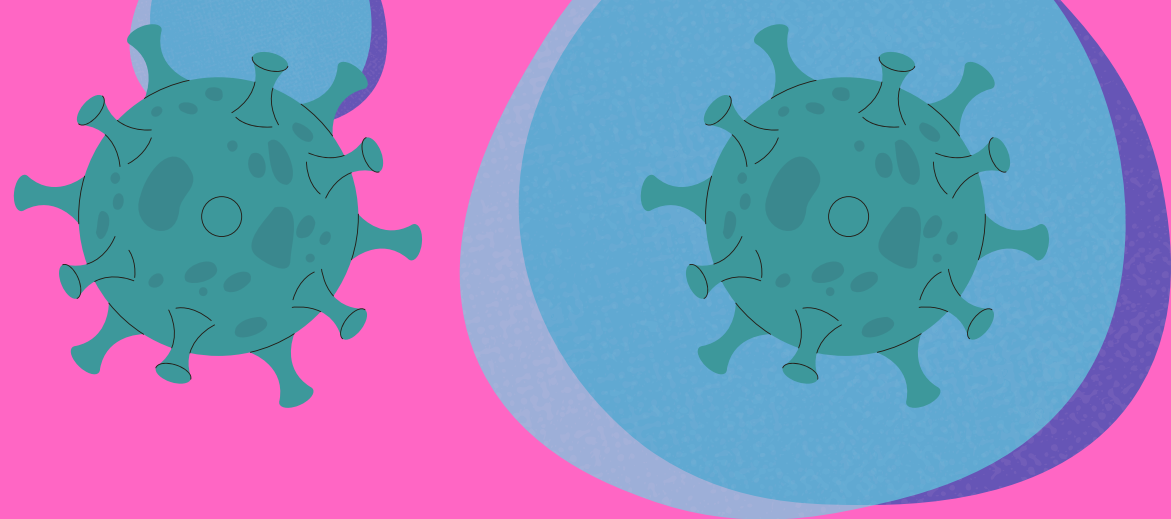


**THE DAY
THE WORLD
STOPPED...**



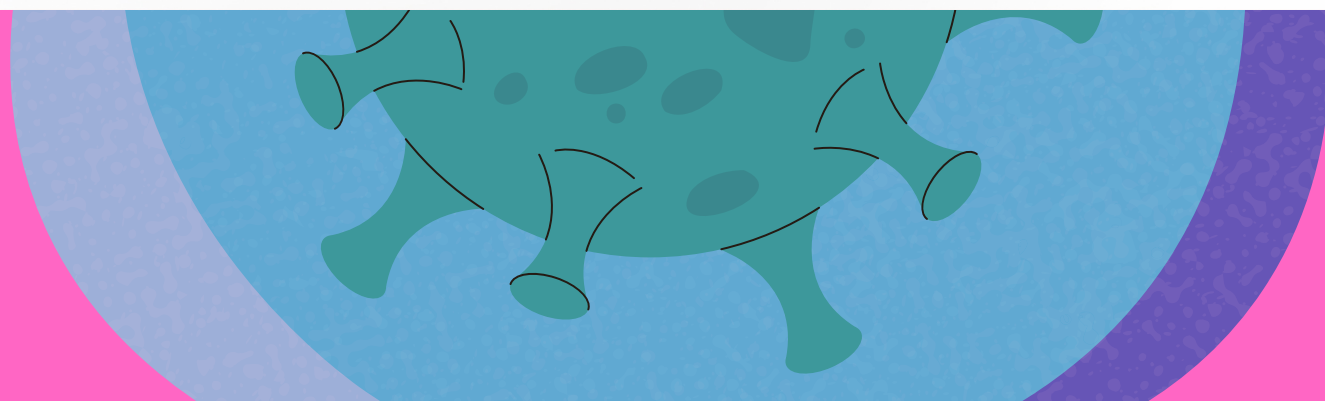


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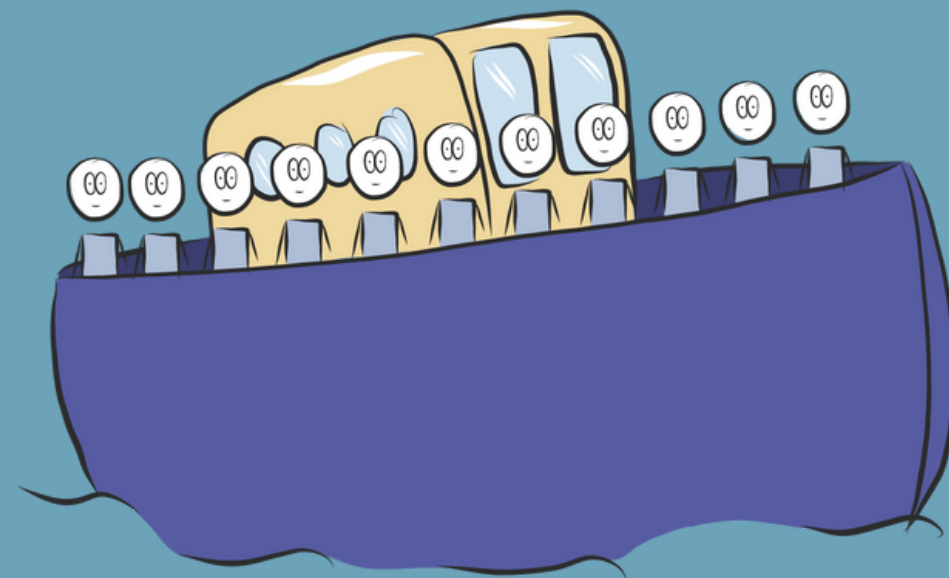
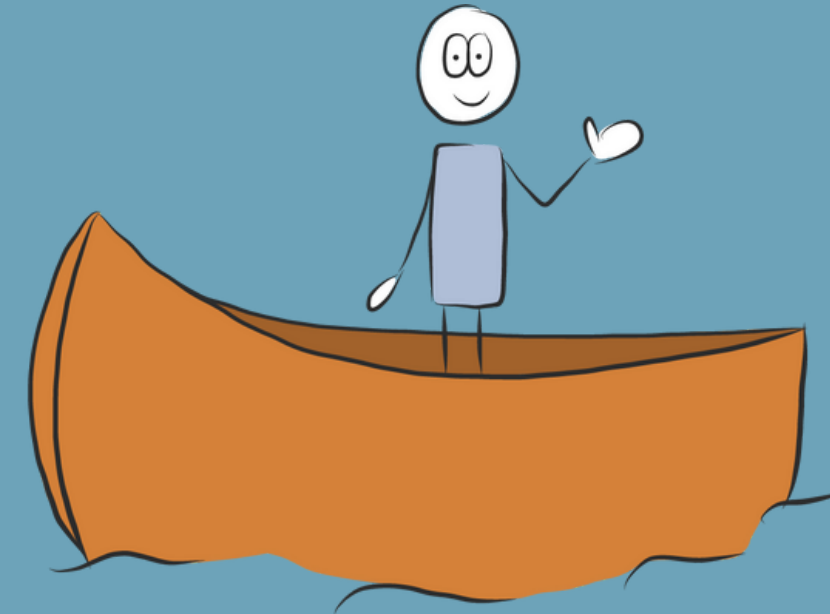
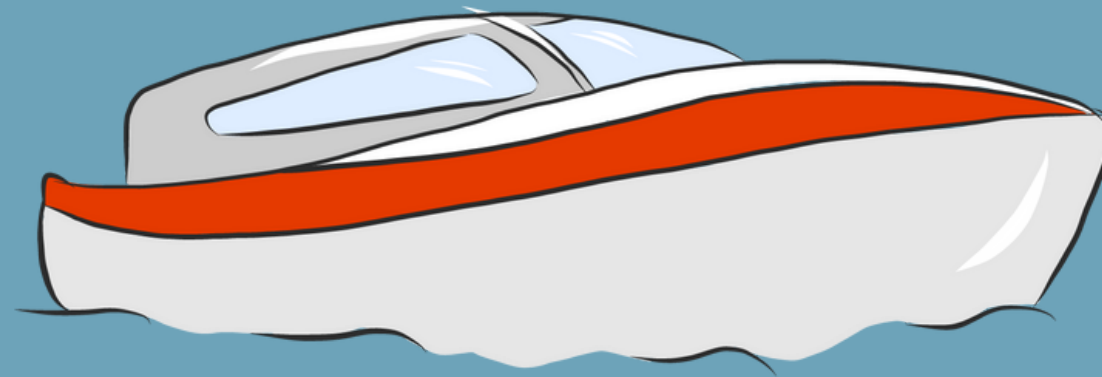


In March 2020
(how old were you?)

The world stopped all
activity because of the
covid19 virus.



.... it was like we were all on the same sea,
but we were all in different boats

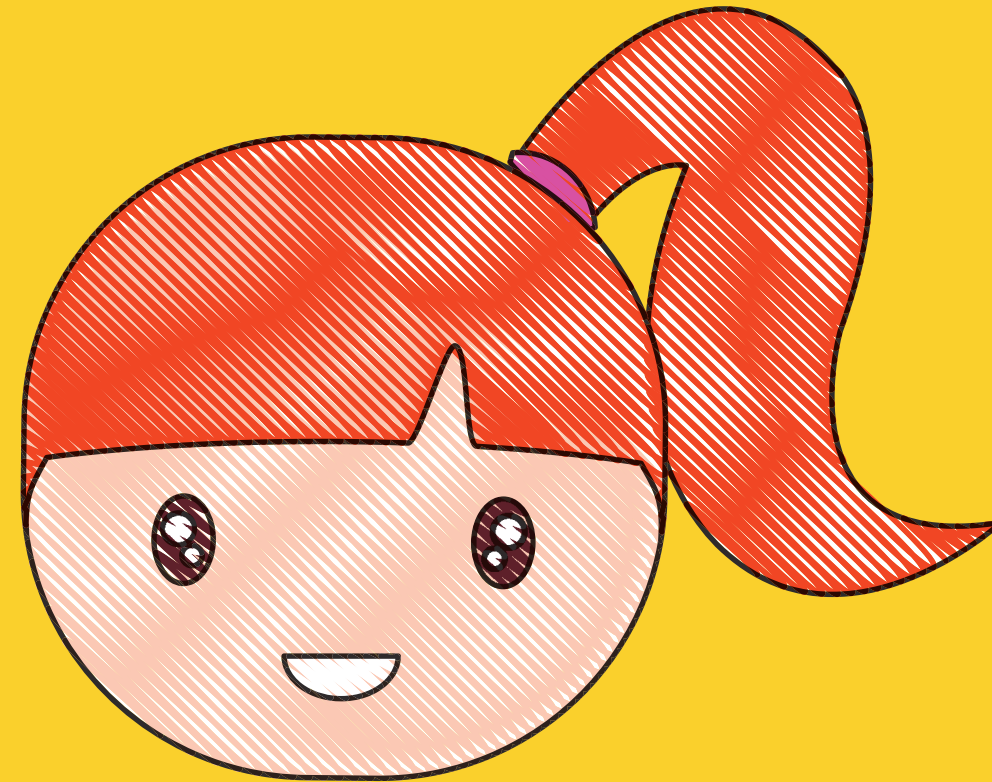


.... we could even feel like we were in different boats at different times, even in one day!

.... what sort of boat do you feel you are you in today?

.... what sort of boat is your friend in today?

What was that like? Lets follow these children from around the world to see how they felt.



Sarah



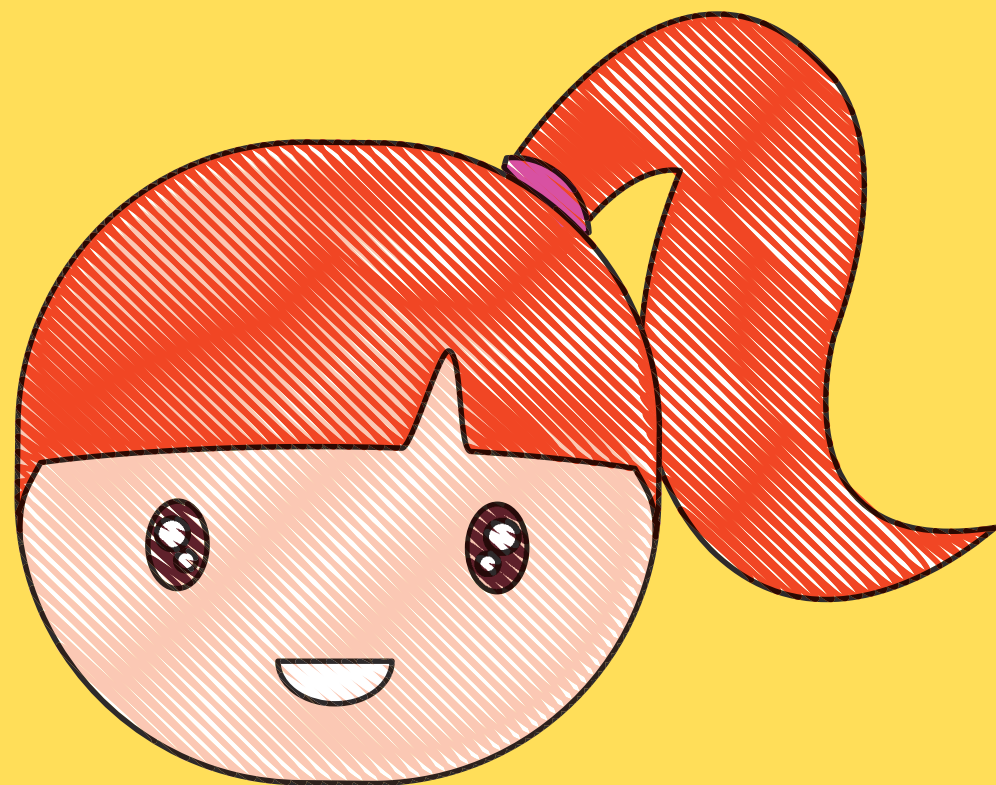
Tane



Mohammed



Alesha



Sarah is 8 years old she lives in London, UK. When the world stopped she was 4 years and 6 months old. She had started school when suddenly she had to stay at home. Her Mum worked as a nurse and her Dad was a paramedic. She doesn't have any siblings and they live in a upstairs flat.



What was one thing that was really difficult?
I was really, really worried about my Mum and Dad, and didn't like that I had to go to school when none of my friends had to. This felt really unfair.

What was something you liked? I really enjoyed clapping on the street on a Thursday for those that worked for the NHS. Seeing all my neighbours once a week was fun.

Where Sarah lives



Tane is 17 years old and lives in Aotearoa/New Zealand. They were 14 years old when the world 'stopped'. They have a sister who is older and a younger brother. Their Mum is a Teacher and their Dad was stuck in Australia for work and couldn't get home.

What was one thing that was really difficult?

Being scared that I would be the first person in Aotearoa/ New Zealand to get Covid. Hardly seeing my Mum because she was teaching other kids online, and not having enough devices to do the school work. The days were really long. Not seeing my Dad for ages. Sorry that is more than one thing,



What was something you liked? I loved doing tiktoks with my siblings and watching movies. I also learnt to cook which was cool.

Where Tane lives

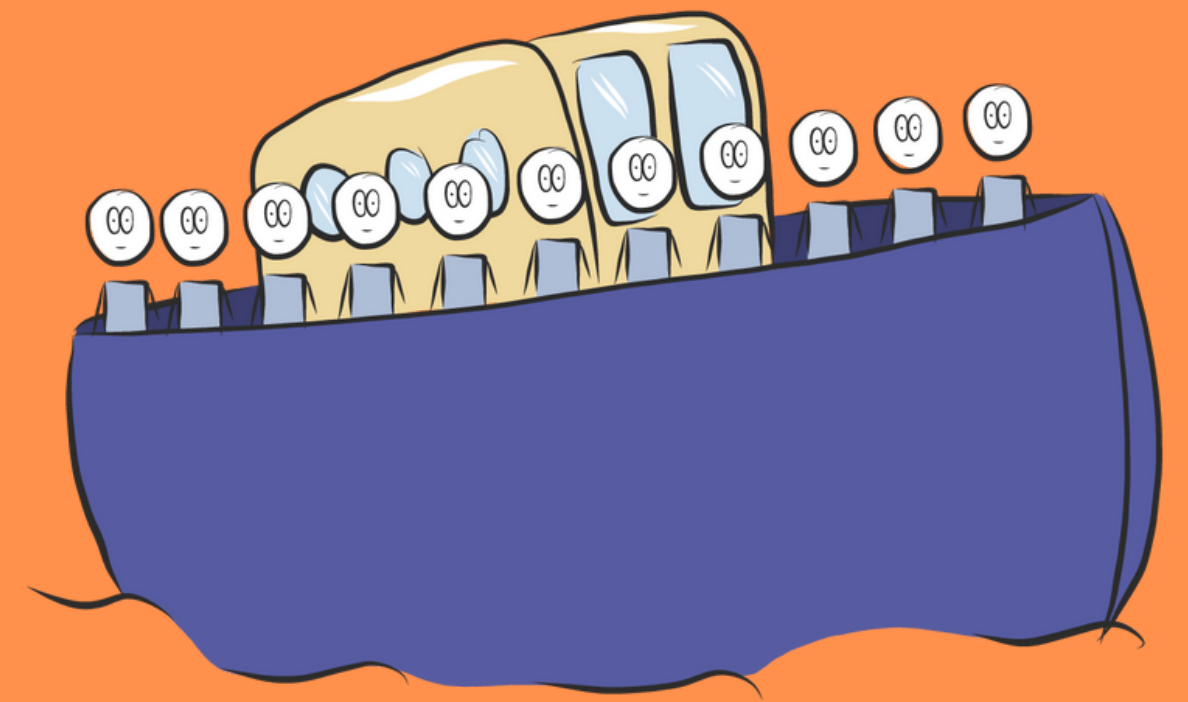


Mohammed is 13 years old and lives in Cairo Egypt. He was 10 years old when the world stopped. He has an older sister and two younger brothers. His Mum works at home and his Dad drives a taxi, his grandmother and grandfather live with them. His cousins live next door.

What was one thing that was really difficult?

There was no work for my Dad, and every day was hard worrying about how we would eat.

What was something you liked? My grandparents did not get sick from the virus, this makes me very happy as my Grandad is one of my best friends.

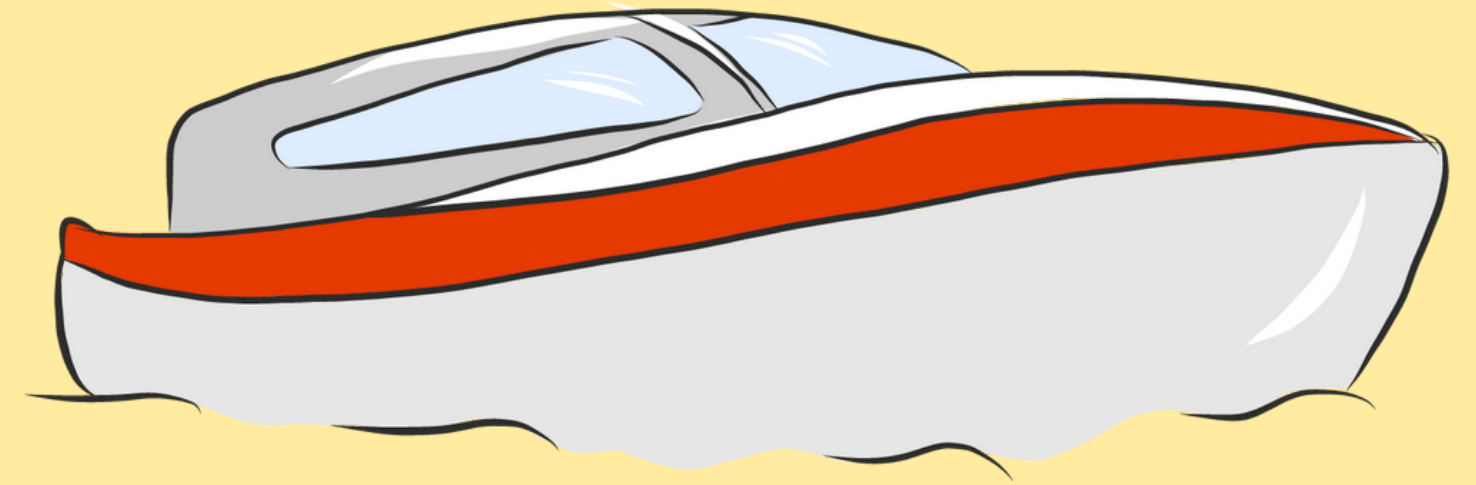


Where Mohammed Lives





Alesha is 11 years and lives in Los Angeles. She was 8 years old when the world stopped. She has a younger sister. Her Mum is a lawyer and her Dad Dad lives in another house with a new family.



What was one thing that was really difficult?

Seeing the news all the time and worrying that my family would die, the news was so scary. And not being able to see my Dad as often because he was with his new family and lives in another town. That was the hardest thing.

What was something you liked? My sister and I made up games to play together and we really enjoyed learning online.

Where Alesha lives



What is your story?

Who did you live with during the pandemic?

What was an average day like during lockdowns?

What were some of the feelings you had?

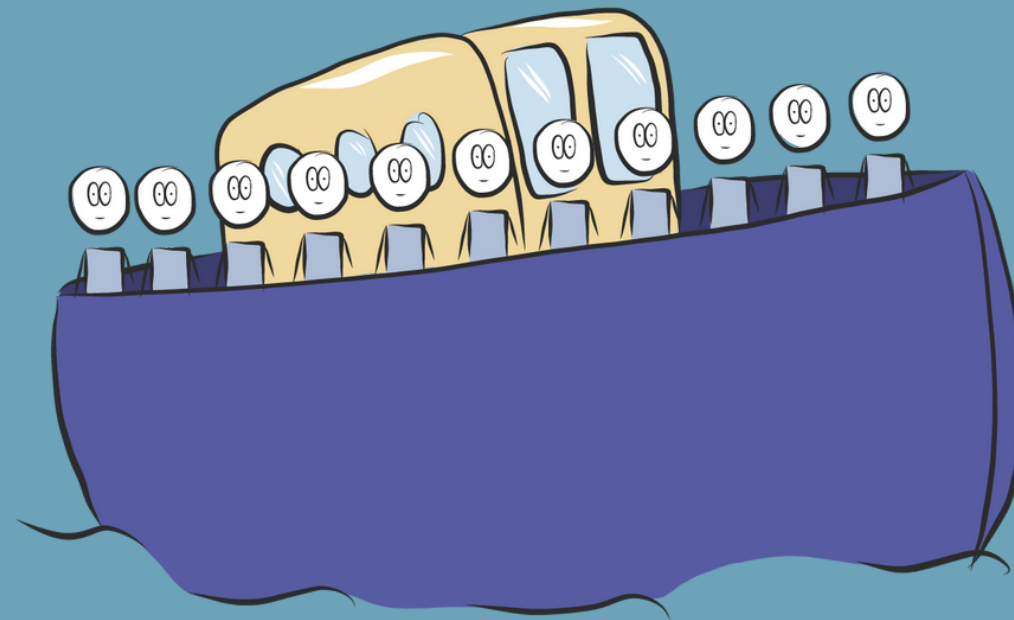
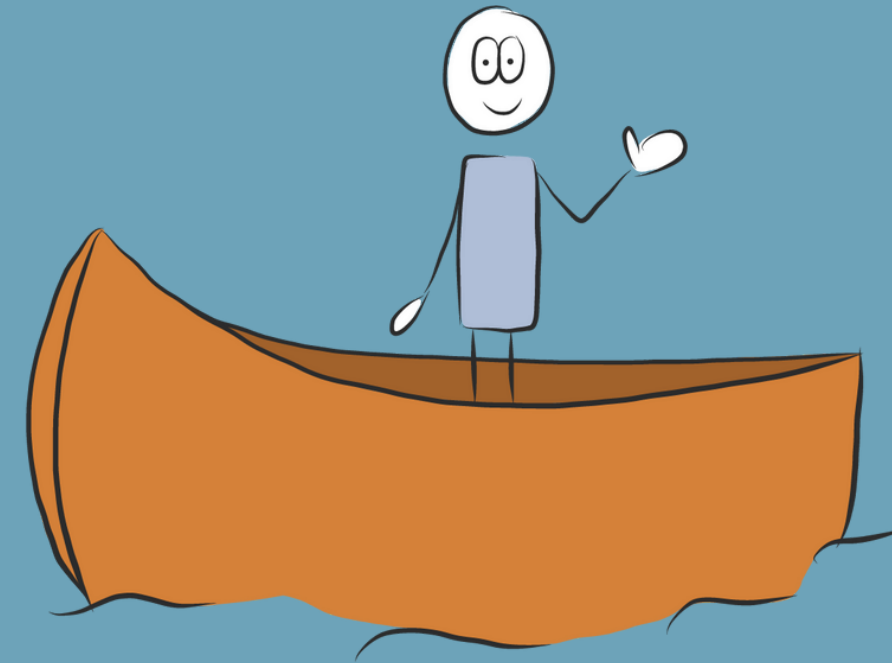
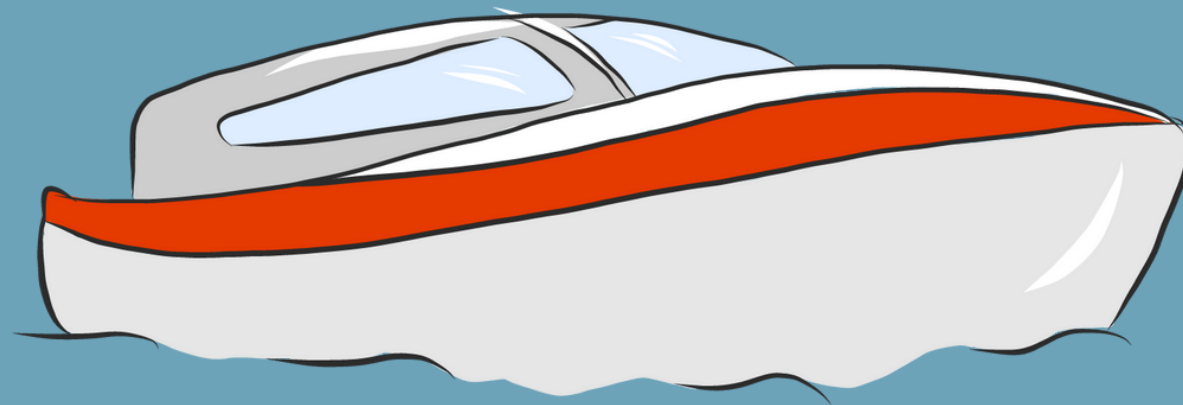
What was one thing that was really difficult?

What was something you liked?

Did you learn anything about yourself?



.... what sort of boat did you feel you were in for lockdowns?



Well done for getting through this, we did do it together.

It is really good for our wellbeing to reflect on what happens to us, to know how we felt, and what happened when.

Your grandkids will want to hear your stories. You might want to do audio or video recordings of your story for capturing living history.





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