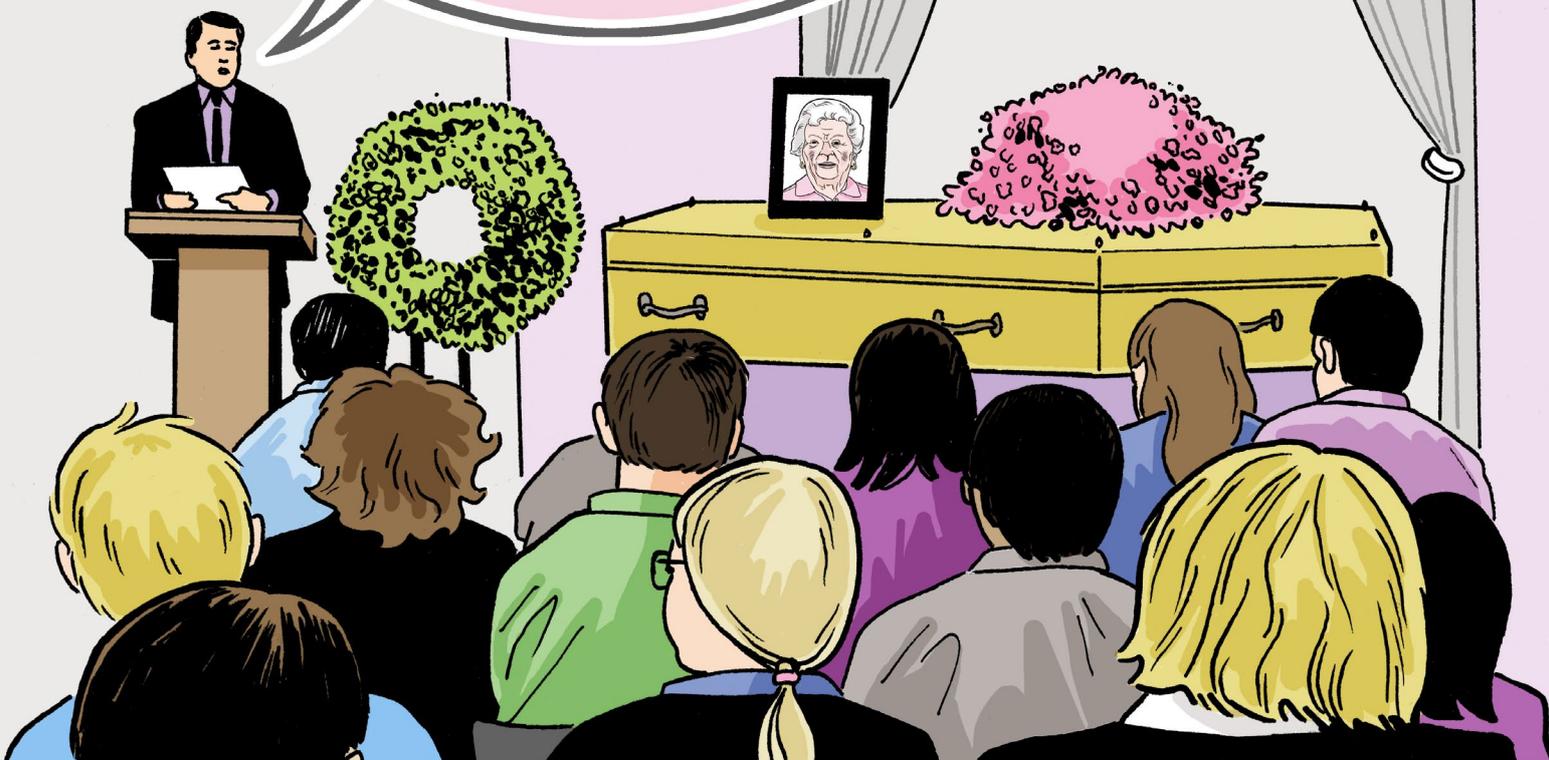


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Going to a funeral when someone dies





About this easy read booklet



This booklet is about going to a funeral when someone dies.



You can learn about what a funeral is and what may happen at a funeral,

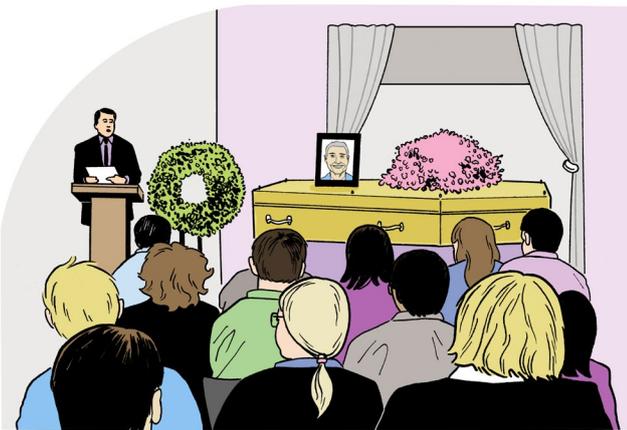


If you are worried about your health, you should talk to a doctor or nurse.

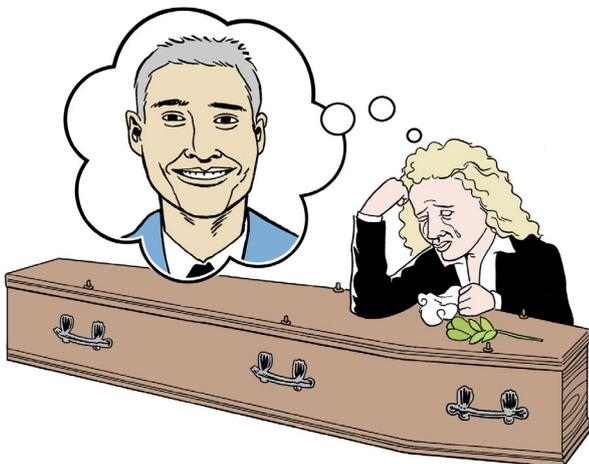
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When someone dies the people who loved and cared for them will arrange a funeral.



A funeral is a time for people to get together to remember someone who has died.

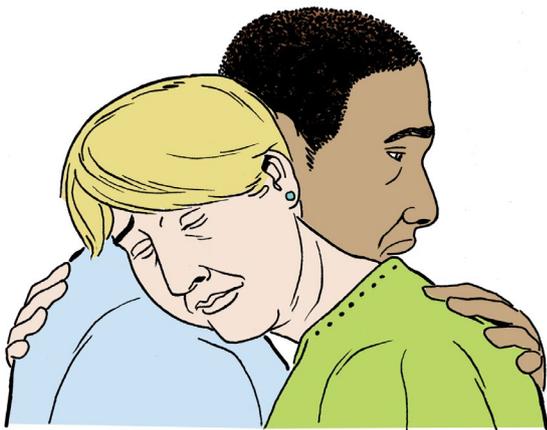


It is a time to:

- say good bye to the person



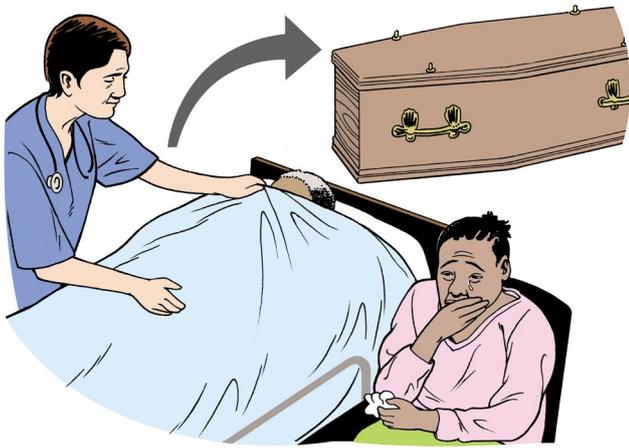
- remember all the good things the person has done.



At a funeral people can share their sadness about the person being gone.



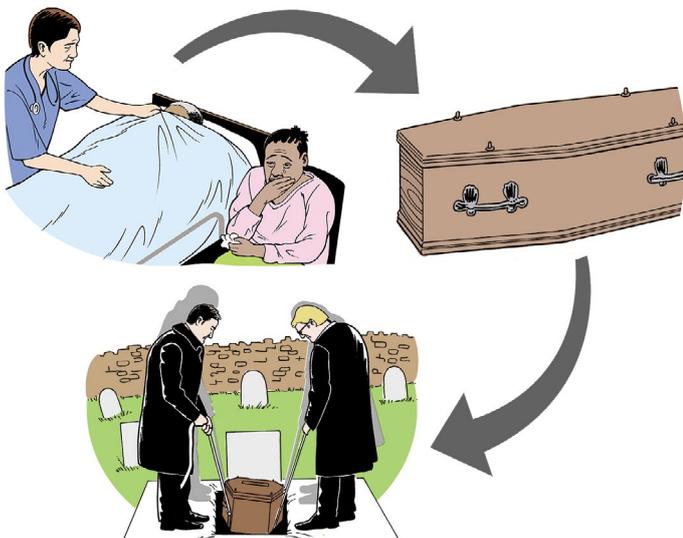
A funeral can also be a celebration of a person's life.



A funeral is also what happens to a person's body after they have died.



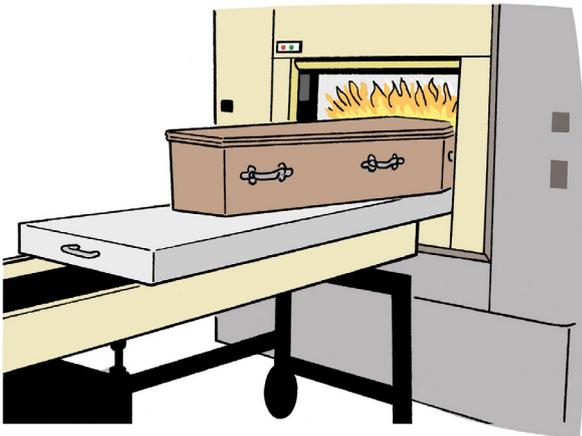
Some people choose to have their body buried.



This means their body will be put in a special box called a **coffin**. It is then put into the ground in a place called a **grave**.



The grave will usually have a stone with the person's name on it. The stone is put on about a year after the funeral.



Other people choose to have their body cremated. This means that their body will be put in a coffin and then put in a very hot fire until it becomes ashes.



People sometimes want their friends and family to spread their ashes in a place that was special to them.



You should have been told when the funeral is. Then you can decide whether you want to go or not.



Some people say it helps them to go to a funeral because they can share their feelings with other people and share saying goodbye to the person they loved.



But it is also OK if you do not want to go to the funeral.



Whether you go to the funeral or not you may want to remember the person in your own way.



Some people like to look at things that remind them of the person who has died. This could be a photo album or a memory box with special things in.



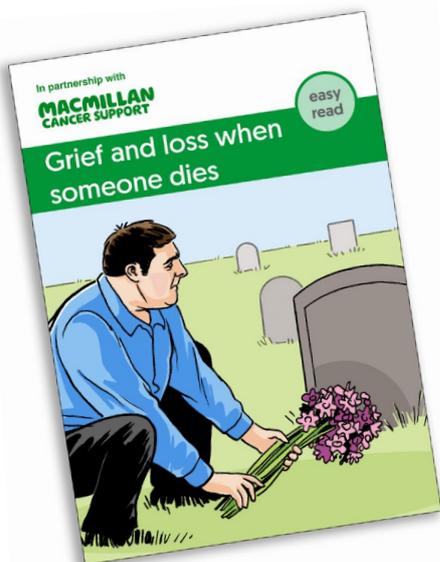
Listening to music can also be a reminder of the person who has died.



Some people like to visit the grave of the person who died or go to a place that has special memories of the person who died.



Remember it is normal to miss the person you loved and be upset that they are no longer here.



You may need support to help you with your feelings when someone dies. There are lots of people who can help. The booklet **Grief and loss when someone dies** tells you more about this (see page 16).



Over time you will be less sad, and you will have more happy memories.

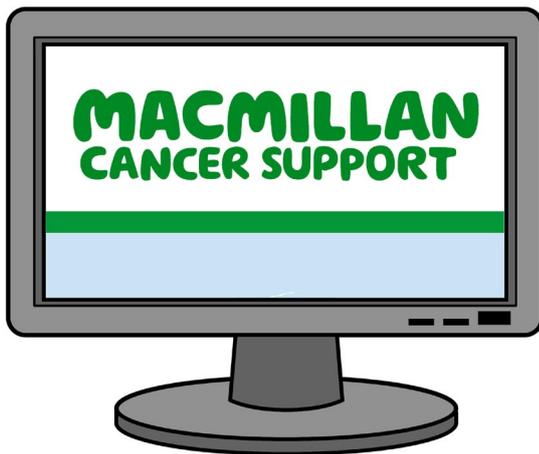


How Macmillan can help you

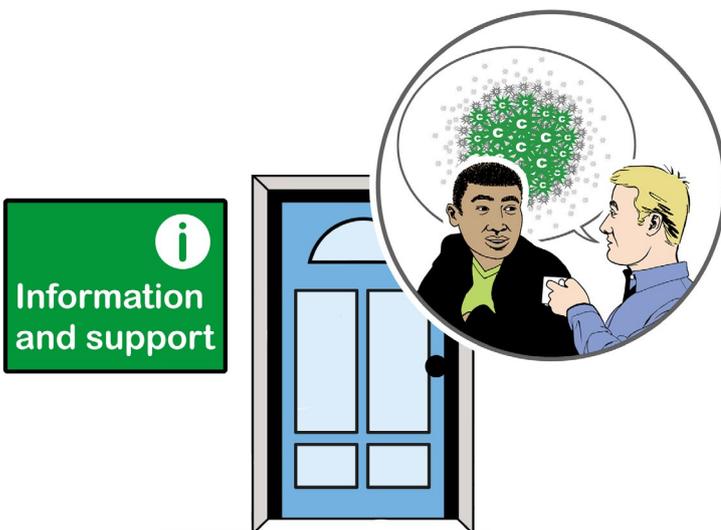


You can get support from:

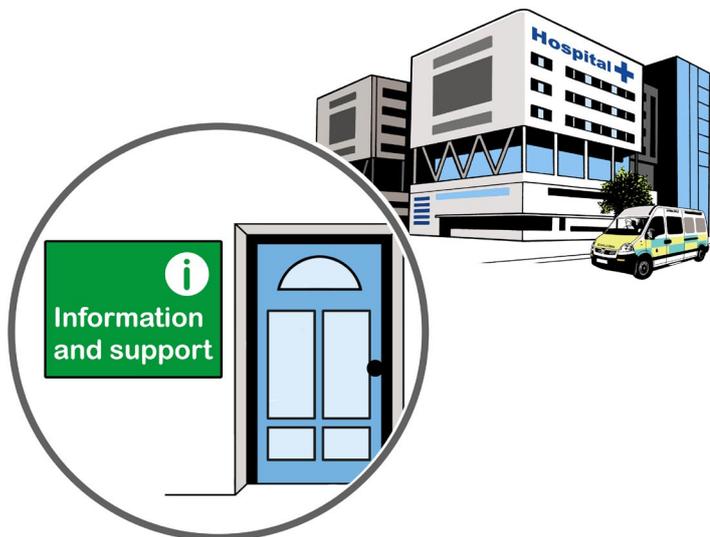
- The Macmillan Support Line. Call **0808 808 00 00** 7 days a week, 8am to 8pm.



- The Macmillan website. Visit macmillan.org.uk for lots of information about cancer and living with cancer.



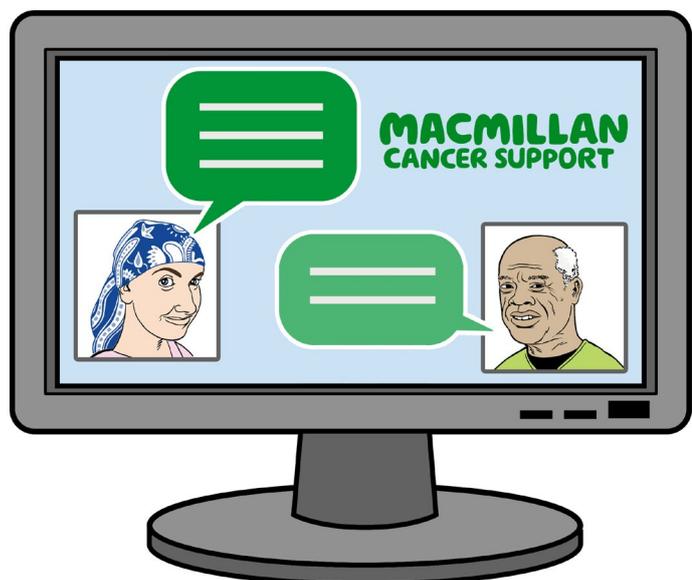
- Information centres. At an information centre, you can talk to a cancer support specialist and get written information.



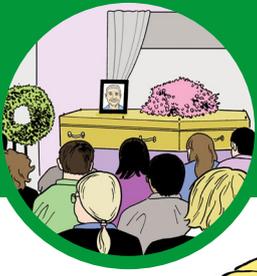
Find your nearest centre at [macmillan.org.uk/informationcentres](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/informationcentres) or call us. Your hospital might have a centre.



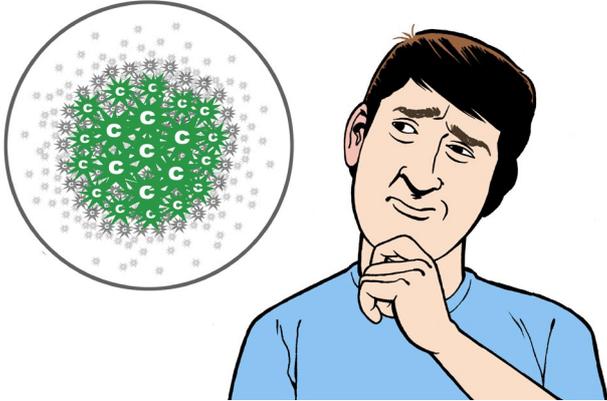
- Local support groups. Find a group near you at [macmillan.org.uk/supportgroups](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/supportgroups) or call us.



- The Macmillan Online Community. You can talk to other people in similar situations at [macmillan.org.uk/community](https://www.macmillan.org.uk/community)



More easy read booklets



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There are booklets on lots of topics:

About Macmillan

- How Macmillan Cancer Support can help you

About cancer

- Lung cancer
- What is cancer?

Signs and symptoms

- Breast care for women
- Cervical screening
- How to check your balls (testicles)
- Screening for cancer
- Signs of cancer
- Symptoms of cervical cancer
- Symptoms of prostate cancer



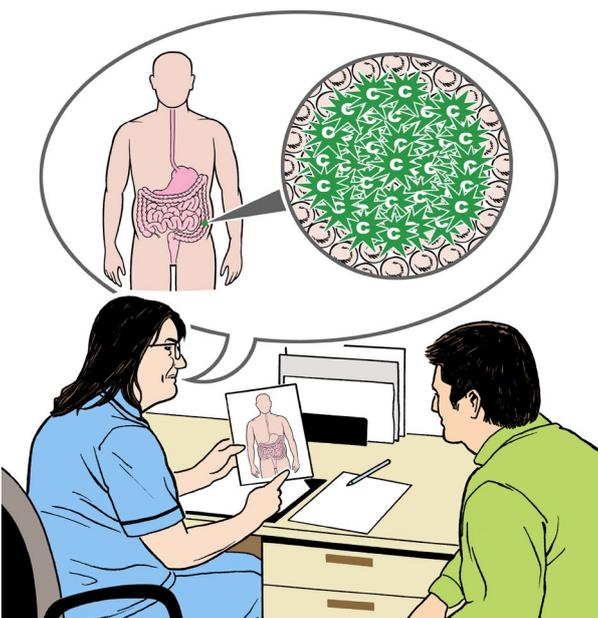
Living a healthy life

- Be safe in the sun
- Drink less alcohol
- Eat a healthy diet
- Exercise
- Have safe sex
- Stop smoking



Tests for cancer

- Having a biopsy
- Having a colonoscopy
- Having a CT scan
- Having an endoscopy
- Having examinations and blood tests
- Having an MRI scan
- Having an ultrasound
- Having an x-ray



Being told you have cancer

- Finding out you have cancer
- Getting your test results
- Seeing the doctor



Treatment for cancer

- Chemotherapy
- Giving your consent
- Having surgery
- Radiotherapy
- Side effects from chemotherapy
- Side effects from radiotherapy
- Treatments for prostate cancer



Living with cancer

- 7 steps to equal healthcare
- After treatment for cancer
- Claiming benefits when you have cancer
- Complementary therapies
- Help with costs when you have cancer
- Talking about cancer and your feelings
- Things that are important to me
- Work and cancer
- Your feelings and cancer
- Your sex life and cancer
- Your social life and cancer



End of life

- Changes that can happen at the end of life
- Choosing where to die
- Getting ready to die
- If you are dying from cancer
- Making decisions about the future if you are dying
- Spirituality and religion at the end of life
- The end of life
- Thinking about your funeral
- Who can help if you are dying



After someone dies

- Going to a funeral when someone dies
- Grief and loss when someone dies
- How you may feel when someone dies
- What can help you feel better when someone dies

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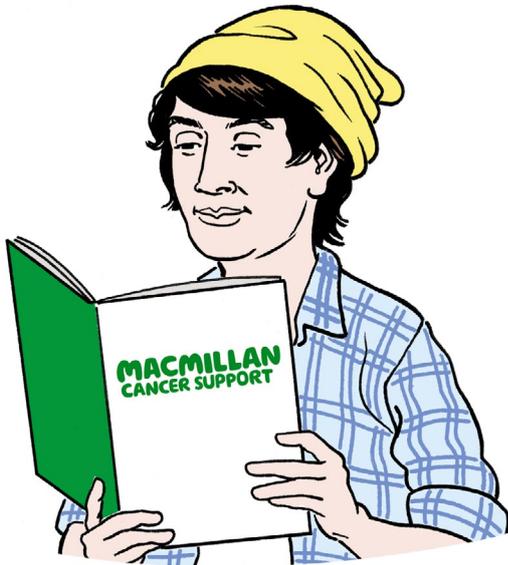


More information and resources



Macmillan website

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Booklets about cancer

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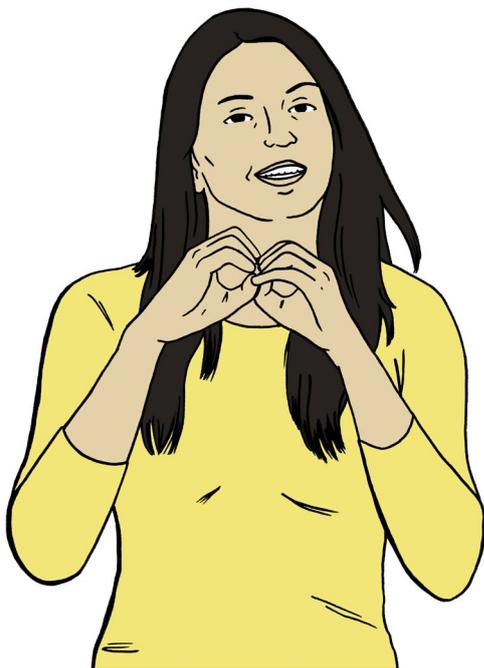
Videos

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Audio

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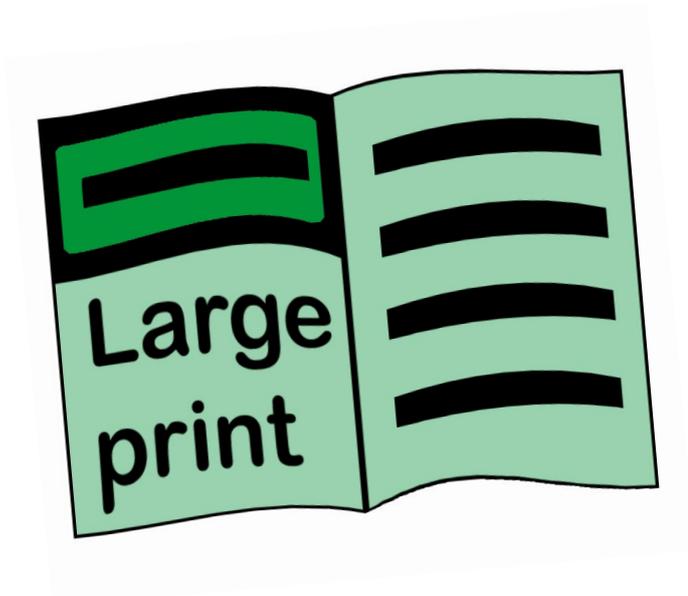
British Sign Language (BSL)

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eBooks

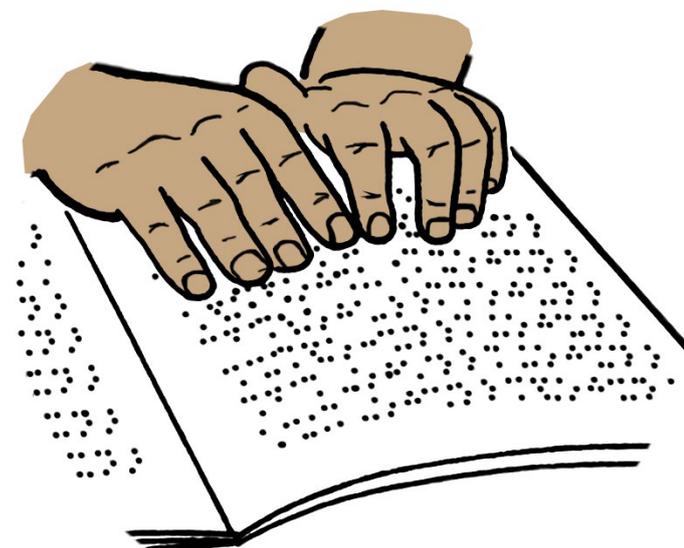
You can get eBooks about cancer from [be.macmillan.org.uk](https://www.be.macmillan.org.uk)



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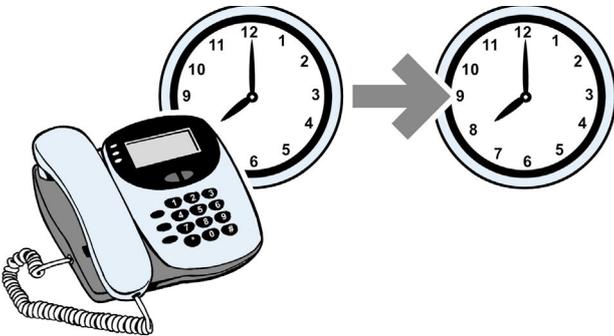
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It is for anyone who has a learning disability or who finds easier words and pictures helpful. If you have more questions about cancer or would like to talk to us, call the Macmillan Support Line.



- Call us free on:
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- If you use a textphone, you can call the Macmillan Support Line using the Next Generation Text (NGT) service by dialling
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- Or go to the website
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