

# YIKES! DOES MY CHILD HAVE LICE?

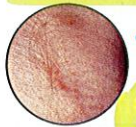
THERE ARE SOME TELLTALE SIGNS THAT YOUR CHILD HAS LICE. THE MOST COMMON IS ITCHING, WHICH IS THE BODY'S REACTION TO THE BITES FROM LICE. OTHER THINGS TO LOOK FOR:



➔ **Lice are tiny—about the size of a sesame seed.** They can be tan, brown, or gray. Using bright light and a magnifying glass, check your child's scalp, behind the ears, and around the nape of the neck.



➔ **Lice eggs (called nits) are easier to see than lice** because they're stationary and appear in larger numbers. Look for tiny, white, oval-sized eggs attached to hair near the scalp. They may look like dandruff, but unlike dandruff, nits can't be removed by shaking, brushing, or washing.



➔ **Small red bumps may result from scratching.** There may be scabs, blood spots, or red marks on the scalp, behind the ears, or on the back of the neck.

**CHIN UP!**  
Lice actually prefer clean hair, so they don't signal poor hygiene.

