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Bacteria have unique fingerprints just like we do!

Each type of bacteria has unique DNA which makes up a pattern of bands called a fingerprint.

On the front of this card, you can see a bacterium and its unique DNA fingerprint.

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