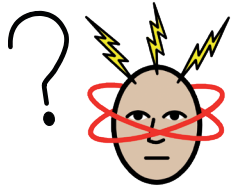




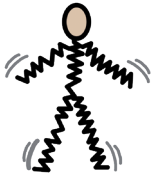
What is epilepsy?



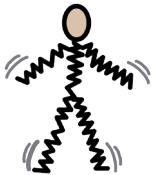
What is epilepsy?



Epilepsy happens in the brain.



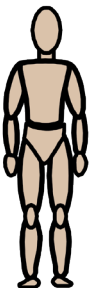
Most people with epilepsy have seizures (fits).



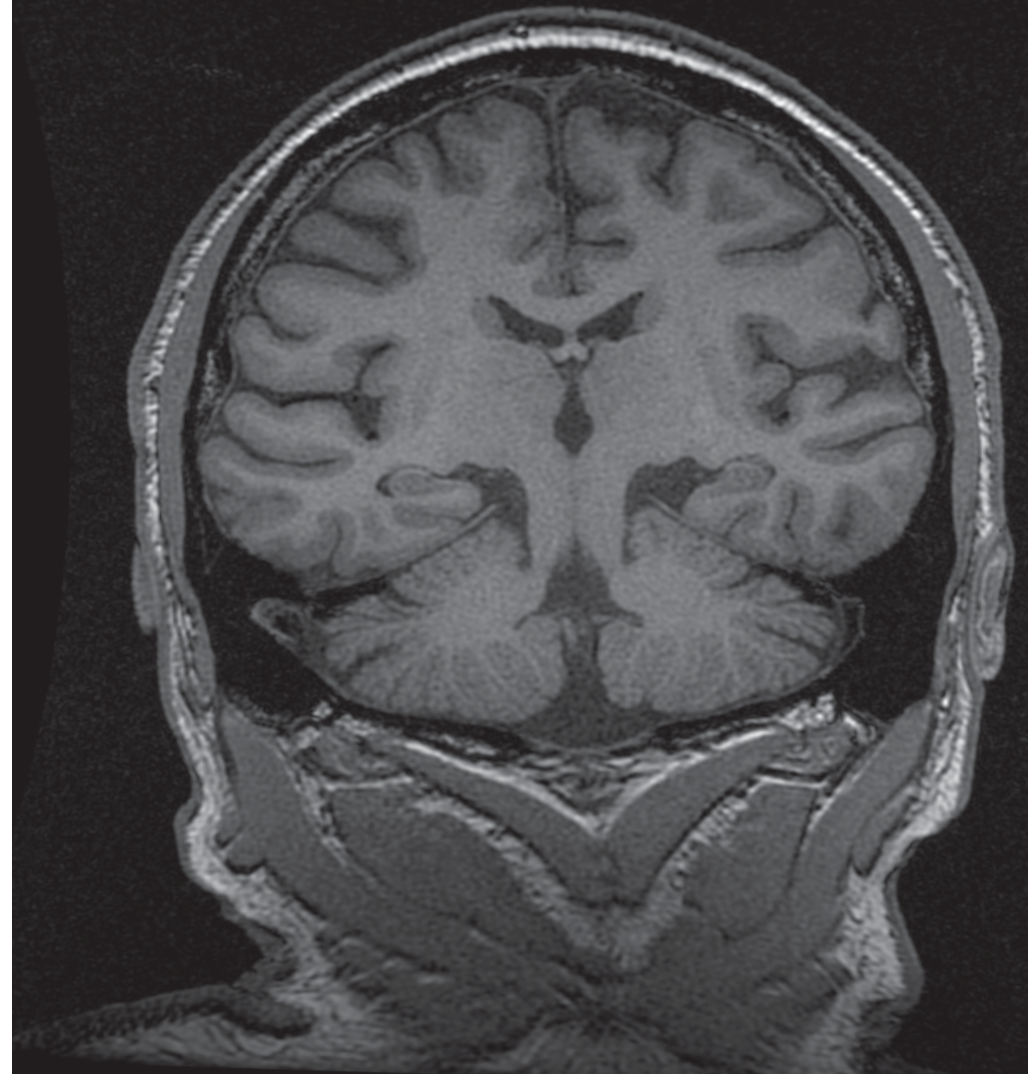
Seizures can also be called fits, or blackouts or attacks.



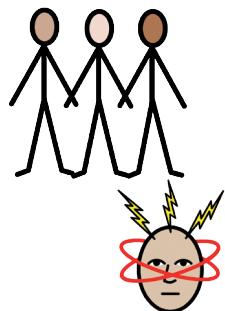
A seizure is when your brain stops working properly for a short time.



It causes your body to do strange things.



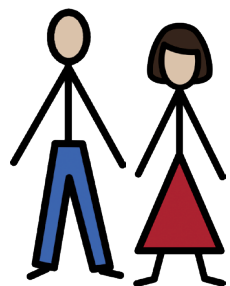
This is an image of a brain scan.



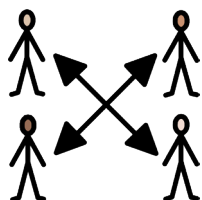
Anyone can have epilepsy.



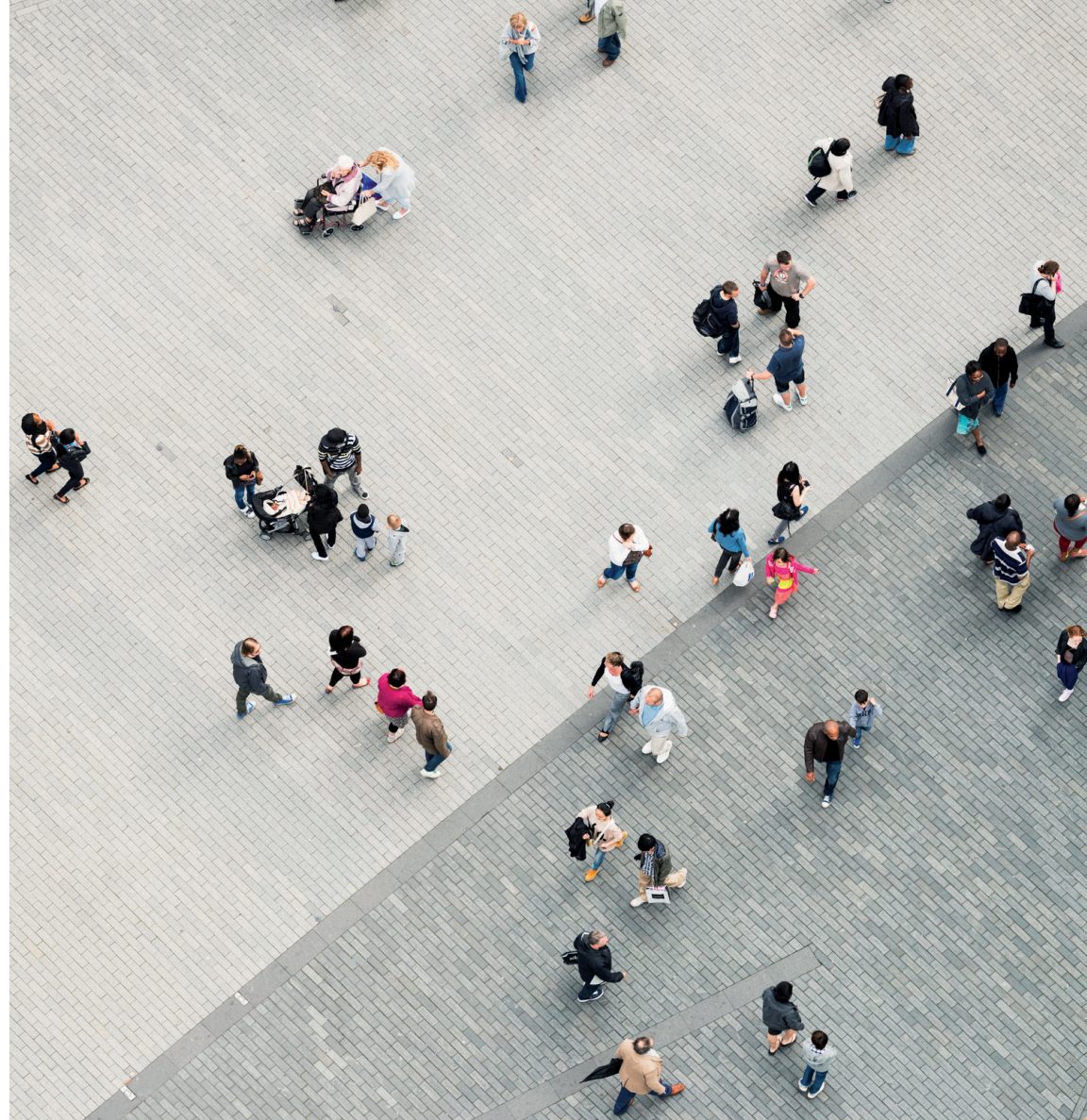
Epilepsy can start at any age. It can start when you are young or when you are old.



Both men and women can have epilepsy.



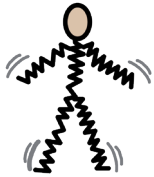
People of all races can have epilepsy.



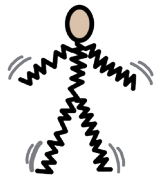
Anyone can have epilepsy.



Epilepsy is different for everyone.



People can have different types of seizures (fits).



Some people will stop having seizures (fits).



Some people will always have seizures (fits).



People can have different types of medication.



These people all have epilepsy but have different types of seizures.



Why do people have epilepsy?



Your doctor may know why you have epilepsy.



Maybe you were born with epilepsy.



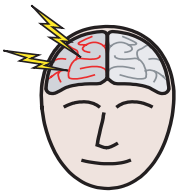
Maybe there was a problem at your birth.



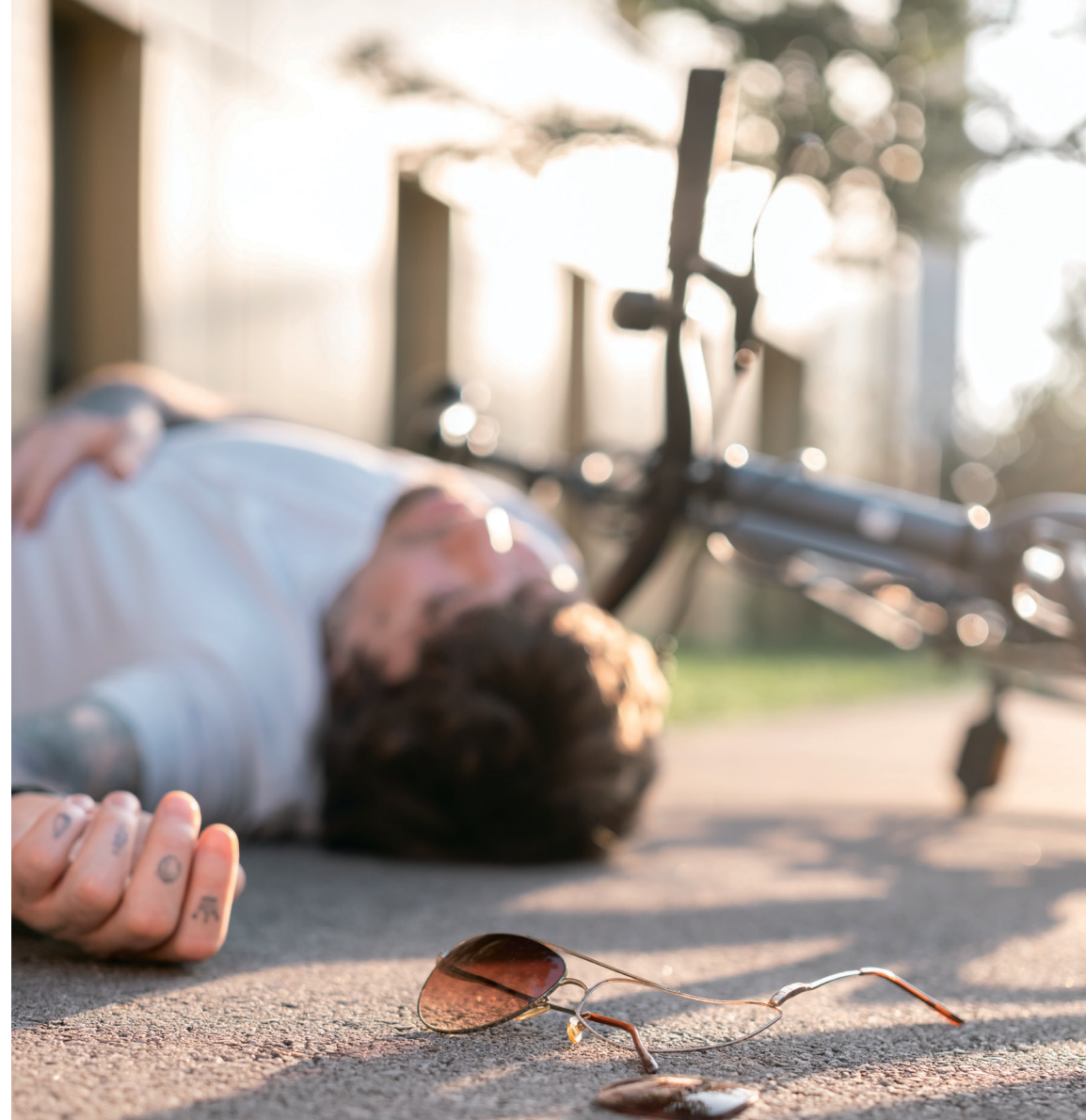
Maybe you had an illness in your brain.



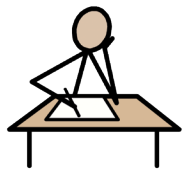
Maybe you had an accident which hurt your brain.



Maybe you had a stroke.



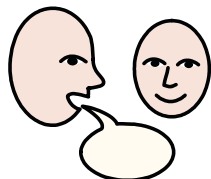
This person fell off a bike and hurt their head.



If you have epilepsy you can work.



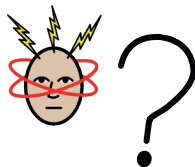
You can go to college.



You can tell your friends and family.



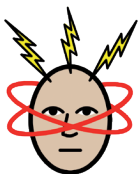
Some people are worried and frightened about epilepsy.



Some people do not know what epilepsy is.



You can wear a special ID bracelet or necklace.



This tells people you have epilepsy.



Tom is working in the garden.



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