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The Doctor Who Saved London

In the city of London about 150 years ago, many people started to get very sick. The sickness they had was called cholera. The disease caused panic among Londoners because nobody knew how to prevent it, or how to cure it.

Lots of doctors tried to figure out how to prevent people from getting cholera. Most doctors thought that people got cholera from breathing in polluted air. They told their patients to open their windows and breathe in fresh air as much as possible. However, this advice did not seem to work as more and more people contracted the disease.

Doctors also struggled to help the patients who already had cholera. Some doctors told their patients to drink lots of water, but that did not help. Some told their patients to take certain medicines, but those did not help, either. The doctors did not know what to do.