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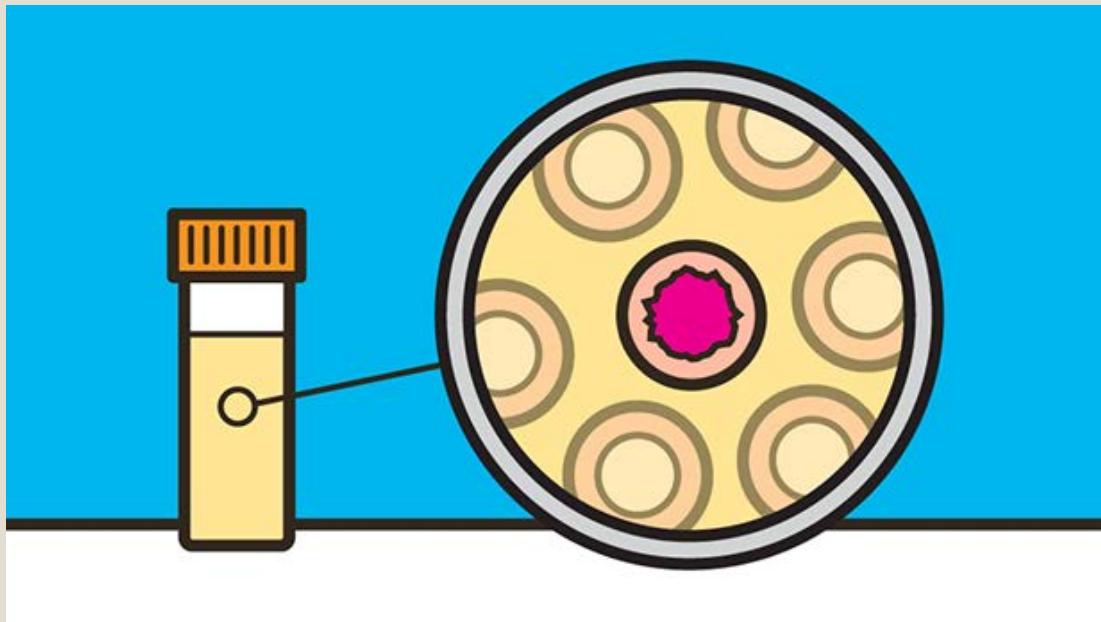
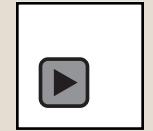
# 1. Taylor Swift breaks Grammy record

The singer Taylor Swift has won this year's album of the year Grammy for 1989 during the lavish awards ceremony in Los Angeles.

She's the first female artist to win that award twice.



## 2. Cancer: Simple test gives hope



Scientists in England and Spain have developed an inexpensive test which they believe could be used to detect the early stages of pancreatic cancer.

The test checks for three proteins in the urine and has proved more than 90% accurate so far.



### 3. US nuclear force still uses floppy disks

The US government Accountability Office says it's concerned that many federal activities, including the country's nuclear arsenal, urgently need to upgrade outdated technologies.

It said Pentagon systems helping to coordinate the strategic deterrent, such as intercontinental ballistic missiles and nuclear bombers rely on 40-year-old computers and floppy disks.





## 4. A fifth of world's plants in danger



A new report on the state of the world's plants says that more than 2,000 new species were discovered last year alone including a three-metre-tall orchid and a sprawling insect-eating sundew plant from Brazil.

But the researchers from the Royal Botanic Gardens in London warned that a fifth of all plants were at risk of extinction – vulnerable to climate change, habitat loss or disease.

# 5. Beatrix Potter story discovered



A lost story by one of Britain's best loved children's authors, Beatrix Potter, is to be published for the first time – more than a hundred years after it was written.

The Tale of Kitty-in-Boots, a black cat that leads a double life, was discovered in an exercise book in the writer's archive at the Victoria and Albert museum in London.

Written in 1914, it includes some of her best-loved animal characters – Peter Rabbit and the hedgehog, Mrs.Tiggy-winkle.

THE TALE OF  
KITTY IN BOOTS



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