



The Human Zoo

Assessing Concepts about Microbes

Directions: Give a short answer to each question.

1. Suppose you wanted to see if there were bacteria in a particular place around your house. How would you find out if there were any?

2. When you go to the doctor and they swab your throat, what will they do with the swab and why?

3. Why is it so important to keep food refrigerated? (Answer this question by referring to bacteria.)

4. Yogurt, bread, beer, and cheese are all made from actions of microbes. How does that work?

5. When you have a prescription of an antibiotic, why is it so important to take the full dosage at the recommended rate?
