

What do you know about germs?

You already know how to get rid of germs on your hands. You wash them with soap and water. But what about germs, like bacteria, in your mouth? Take this quiz to learn about germs. It's a real brain teaser!

Circle true or false for each statement below.

- True OR False ① Gross! People don't have any germs in their mouths.
- True OR False ② There are more bacteria in your mouth than there are people on Earth.
- True OR False ③ Not all bacteria are bad. Some bacteria are actually helpful!
- True OR False ④ Bacteria won't grow on your toothbrush if you hide it in a drawer after using it.
- True OR False ⑤ You can help keep bad germs from causing cavities by brushing and flossing.
- True OR False ⑥ Germs love to feed on sugar. Num. Num. Num.

Answers

③
True
"Good bacteria" in your mouth can help fight off cavity-causing bacteria.

⑤
True
Brush your teeth twice a day FOR TWO MINUTES each time and floss daily to help fight bad germs.

⑥
True
Germs sure do love sugar! That's how bacteria can cause cavities and gum disease.

①
False
MORE THAN 700 kinds of germs can live in people's mouths.

②
False
There are about 6 billion bacteria IN YOUR MOUTH and nearly 8 billion people ON EARTH.

④
False
YOUR TOOTHBRUSH WILL HAVE fewer bacteria if you let it dry in open air.

