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## **Level 4**

### **Car interiors a breeding ground for deadly bacteria**

**27th July, 2015**

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# THE READING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1507/150727-bacteria-4.html>

Some people think cars are less of a risk for getting germs than public transport. The opposite may be true. A survey found that most cars are dirty enough inside to breed bacteria such as the deadly E.Coli. The survey was carried out by microbiologists. They analysed steering wheels, hand brakes and other areas to look for bacteria. Most car owners did not spend a long time thinking about keeping the inside of their car clean.

Cars are a perfect place for germs. Many car owners drop food or drink in their car. Other owners spoke of vomit and 'pet accidents'. Other problems include drink bottles under seats, used tissues in storage areas and rotting food. Only a quarter of owners cleaned the inside of their cars regularly. A spokeswoman said: "It's really worrying to see just how dirty people are letting their cars get...We didn't expect to find bacteria relating to E.coli in there."

Sources: <http://www.dailymail.co.uk/health/article-3173386/How-clean-car-Deadly-bugs-E-coli-lurking-steering-wheels-handbrakes-caused-people-eating-drinking-move.html>  
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# MATCHING

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1507/150727-bacteria-4.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |                            |                      |
|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. cars are less of a risk | a. be true           |
| 2. public                  | b. for bacteria      |
| 3. The opposite may        | c. bacteria          |
| 4. breed                   | d. their car clean   |
| 5. look                    | e. for getting germs |
| 6. Most car                | f. time thinking     |
| 7. spend a long            | g. transport         |
| 8. keeping the inside of   | h. owners did not    |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                           |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Cars are a perfect            | a. letting their cars get |
| 2. Many car owners drop          | b. to E.coli              |
| 3. rotting                       | c. of owners              |
| 4. Only a quarter                | d. food or drink          |
| 5. cleaned the inside of their   | e. worrying               |
| 6. It's really                   | f. place for germs        |
| 7. see just how dirty people are | g. food                   |
| 8. bacteria relating             | h. cars regularly         |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1507/150727-bacteria-4.html>

Some people think cars (1) \_\_\_\_\_ for getting germs than public transport. The opposite (2) \_\_\_\_\_. A survey found that most cars are dirty (3) \_\_\_\_\_ breed bacteria such as the deadly E.Coli. The survey (4) \_\_\_\_\_ microbiologists. They analysed steering wheels, hand brakes (5) \_\_\_\_\_ look for bacteria. Most car owners did not spend a long time thinking about keeping (6) \_\_\_\_\_ car clean.

Cars are a perfect (7) \_\_\_\_\_. Many car owners drop food or drink in their car. Other (8) \_\_\_\_\_ vomit and 'pet accidents'. Other problems include drink bottles under seats, (9) \_\_\_\_\_ storage areas and rotting food. (10) \_\_\_\_\_ owners cleaned the inside of their cars regularly. A spokeswoman said: "It's really worrying (11) \_\_\_\_\_ dirty people are letting their cars get...We didn't (12) \_\_\_\_\_ bacteria relating to E.coli in there."

# BACTERIA SURVEY

From <http://www.breakingnewsenglish.com/1507/150727-bacteria-4.html>

Write five GOOD questions about bacteria in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a)

b)

c)

d)

e)

f)

g)

h)

