

Spelling Test

Do not turn over this page until your teacher tells you to.

Bacteria

The importance of _____ their hands
_____ a meal is emphasised to small children
as a way of keeping _____. But do you ever
think about germs and _____ ? It is true that
some bacteria, and other micro-organisms, can cause
_____ problems, but most bacteria are not
especially harmful. In fact, without bacteria, there would be
no life on Earth as we know it.

Bacteria that live in soil break down, or decompose, the
remains of dead plants and animal _____.
In the _____, the bacteria make
_____ substances
_____ to be used by living plants as they
grow. These pass to the animals that eat the plants. Of
course the bacteria do not do this to be helpful; it is just the
way they obtain the energy they need to

Some bacteria live in the digestive systems of humans and animals. This benefits the bacteria as they have a regular _____ of food, and benefits humans and animals as the bacteria _____ nutrients from the food that would otherwise pass through them.

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Humans have found many _____ ways to turn some extraordinary bacteria and other micro-organisms to our _____. We use the _____ of bacteria to produce milk and to make cheese, butter and yoghurt. Bacteria can also be used in _____ to stop the effects of other bacteria that cause _____ illness.

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No one knows how many _____ of bacteria there might be, or what they could all be used for. But one thing to _____ is that if we, or any other organism, can benefit from this it may be more by chance than _____.

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