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Car interiors a breeding ground for deadly bacteria

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THE READING

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Some people believe going by car is less of a risk for getting germs than travelling on public transport. The opposite may be true. A British survey found that most cars are so dirty inside, they could be a breeding ground for bacteria such as the deadly E.Coli. The survey was carried out by microbiologists at Nottingham University. They analysed steering wheels, hand brakes and other areas to find out what bacteria might be there. They found that most cars were dirty enough to have bacteria. Most car owners gave very little thought to the importance of keeping their car interior hygienic.

Cars are a perfect place for germs. Over half of car owners have dropped food onto seats. A third have spilt drinks. Other owners spoke of vomit and 'pet accidents'. Only a quarter of owners cleaned the inside of their cars regularly. Most drivers still eat and drink at the wheel. Common problems were drink bottles under seats, used tissues in storage areas and rotting food on seat covers. 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

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. going by car is less | a. interior hygienic |
| 2. travelling on | b. ground for bacteria |
| 3. The opposite may | c. wheels |
| 4. a breeding | d. public transport |
| 5. The survey was carried out | e. have bacteria |
| 6. steering | f. of a risk |
| 7. dirty enough to | g. by microbiologists |
| 8. keeping their car | h. be true |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| 1. a perfect place | a. tissues |
| 2. A third have spilt | b. of owners |
| 3. Only a quarter | c. food |
| 4. cleaned the | d. for germs |
| 5. eat and drink | e. to E.coli |
| 6. used | f. drinks |
| 7. rotting | g. at the wheel |
| 8. bacteria relating | h. inside |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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Some people believe going by (1) _____ risk for getting germs than travelling on public transport. The (2) _____ true. A British survey found that most cars are (3) _____, they could be a breeding ground for bacteria such as the deadly E.Coli. The survey (4) _____ by microbiologists at Nottingham University. They analysed steering wheels, hand brakes and other areas (5) _____ bacteria might be there. They found that most cars were dirty enough to have bacteria. Most car owners gave very little thought to the importance (6) _____ car interior hygienic.

Cars are (7) _____ germs. Over half of car owners have dropped food onto seats. A (8) _____ drinks. Other owners spoke of vomit and 'pet accidents'. (9) _____ owners cleaned the inside of (10) _____. Most drivers still eat and drink at the wheel. Common problems were drink bottles under seats, used tissues in storage areas and (11) _____ seat covers. A spokeswoman said: "It's really worrying to see just how dirty people are letting their cars get....We didn't (12) _____ bacteria relating to E.coli in there."

BACTERIA SURVEY

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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)

FREE WRITING

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Write about **bacteria** for 10 minutes. Comment on your partner’s paper.
