

Bacteria are small living things. You can see them only by looking through an instrument called a microscope.

Bacteria do many things. Some help turn milk to cheese. Others turn fruit juice to vinegar. But the most important thing that they do is make the soil rich. A dead plant will have bacteria living in it. They will cause the plant to break up into tiny bits, and the bits will mix into the soil. Living plants can then use the bits to make food.

Some bacteria can cause trouble. They cause food to spoil. They can even make poison in spoiled food. They can cause some diseases too.

- 1** The article informs readers that bacteria are

 - small living things.
 - groups of viruses.
 - Both **a** and **b**
 - Neither **a** nor **b**
- 2** You can see bacteria only by

 - keeping them in darkness.
 - looking at them in water.
 - looking through a microscope.
 - letting them grow on food.
- 3** The article says that bacteria do many things, such as

 - turning vinegar to fruit juice.
 - changing milk to cheese.
 - making soil go bad.
 - None of the above
- 4** The story says that the most important thing that bacteria do is

 - cure diseases.
 - help make the soil rich.
 - spoil foods.
 - change fruit juice to vinegar.
- 5** The article says that bacteria living in a dead plant will cause it to

 - break up into tiny bits.
 - start growing new leaves.
 - become hard and rocklike.
 - draw insects.
- 6** Bacteria cause

 - spoiling.
 - diseases.
 - Both **a** and **b**
 - Neither **a** nor **b**

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1 a

2 c

3 b

4 b

5 a

6 c