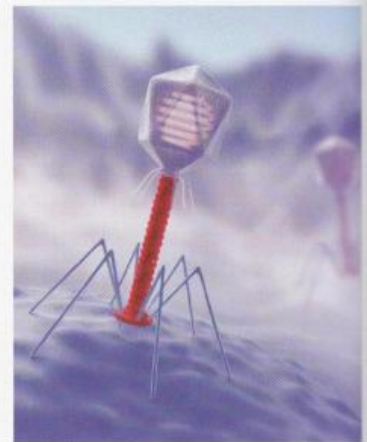




## Reading Comprehension

**Multiple Choice.** Choose the best answer for each question.

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| Purpose    | 1. What is the purpose of this reading?<br>a. to describe how bacteria are important to our bodies<br>b. to examine the dangers of bacterial infections<br>c. to compare the bacteria that live inside and outside our body<br>d. to explain why we should avoid antibiotics   |
| Detail     | 2. Which statement about bacteria is true?<br>a. The bacteria in our brain weigh three pounds.<br>b. Most bacteria in our bodies are dangerous.<br>c. We cannot live without bacteria.<br>d. There are more bacteria in our nostrils than in our throat.   |
| Paraphrase | 3. In lines 4–5, it says <i>In our bodies, bacteria outnumber human cells by ten to one.</i> What does this mean?<br>a. There are more bacteria than human cells.<br>b. There are more human cells than bacteria.<br>c. There are ten human cells for every bacteria cell.<br>d. There are ten bacteria in every human cell. |
| Purpose    | 4. What is the purpose of the third paragraph?<br>a. to describe why people get skin infections<br>b. to warn us against <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i><br>c. to list the dangers of <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i><br>d. to explain why some bacteria can be dangerous  |
| Reference  | 5. What does <i>it</i> in line 14 refer to?<br>a. bacteria in the nose<br>b. <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i><br>c. dangerous infections<br>d. bacteria in the skin  |
| Detail     | 6. What can “probiotic remedies” do?<br>a. get healthy bacteria back in the body<br>b. fight against some antibiotics<br>c. identify good vs. bad bacteria<br>d. increase good and bad bacteria in the body  |
| Vocabulary | 7. In line 28, what does <i>well-being</i> mean?<br>a. medicine<br>b. health<br>c. body<br>d. bacteria   |



### Did You Know?

Bacteria-infecting viruses known as phages are the most common form of life on Earth. There are more phages than stars in the universe. More than a trillion (1,000,000,000,000) exist in a human body.



