

## Test Your Mercury I.Q.

1. What is mercury?
  - a. A type of tree found in the rainforest
  - b. An element on the periodic table (symbol: Hg)
  - c. A liquid aliens like to put on their hamburgers
2. What is another common name for mercury?
  - a. Quicksilver
  - b. Space goo
  - c. There are no other names for mercury
3. What can mercury be found in?
  - a. Switches
  - b. Thermostats
  - c. Thermometers
  - d. All of the above
4. What animals are most likely to have elevated mercury levels in tissues?
  - a. Large fish
  - b. Snakes
  - c. Birds that live in a rainforest
  - d. All of the above
5. Mercury is used in:
  - a. Dental fillings for cavities
  - b. Fluorescent lamps
  - c. Cars
  - d. All of the above
6. Mercury is mined today in what countries? (Mark all that apply)
  - a. U.S.
  - b. Spain
  - c. Mexico
  - d. Russia
7. Some states or local governments have passed bans on the sales of:
  - a. Mercury thermostats
  - b. Mercury thermometers
  - c. Fluorescent lights
  - d. All of the above
8. Mercury is the only known metal that is liquid at 72 degrees:  
 True or  False
9. Mercury can be very dangerous:  
 True or  False

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