

MSU Science Zone

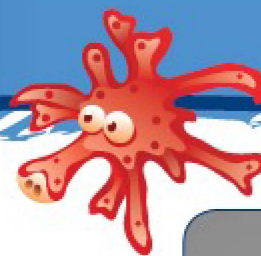
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What are Microbes?

Microbes are living organisms smaller than your eyes can see. They are the oldest form of life on Earth and they live just about everywhere including in, and on your body. They can even live in really hostile environments like icy glaciers, the bottom of the ocean, and hot springs in Yellowstone National Park. Scientists at Montana State University (MSU) are

researching how microbes from Yellowstone may help us find alternatives for gas and fossil fuels, or help us find life on other planets.

Here are some pictures of real microbes that live in extreme environments such as Yellowstone National Park and some cartoons of microbes.



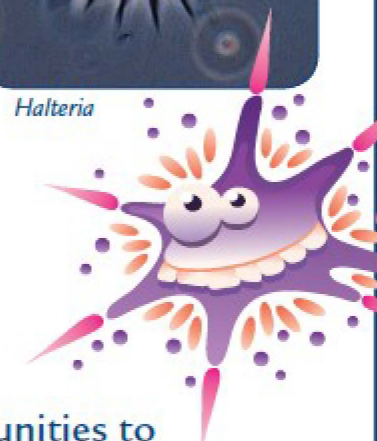
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Euglena mutabilis



Try drawing your own cartoons of microbes.



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