

## Instructors Directions

# Water Taste Test

You will need:

- ◆ Five different samples of drinking water from 5 different sources (from tap, from another community source, bottled, etc.). Have the samples all at room temperature and provide about 3 ounces per person.
- ◆ 3-ounce bathroom cups
- ◆ Analysis sheets

Procedure:

1. Label each water sample (A, B, C, D, E). Only you should know which water is which.
2. Have each student taste each sample and record results on the analysis sheet.
3. Compare results from the group.
4. Speculate on what could account for differences in taste. For example, many store-purchased waters are sold in plastic containers which often tend to impart a taste to the water.



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Sample	Clarity	Odor	Taste Description	Taste Evaluation
A				
B				
C				
D				
E				

### Test Evaluation Rating Scale:

**5 = very clear, no odor, tastes great!**

**4 = very good clarity, no aftertaste, would drink it daily**

**3 = fair clarity and odor, OK for cooking**

**2 = cloudy, off odor detected, not good, strictly for bathing**

**1 = murky, terrible odor, wouldn't wash my dog in it!**