## **CONCEPT:** LIQUID CHEMICALS: SURFACE-ACTIVE AGENTS

Surface-Active Agents (): agents f	): agents that <i>lower</i> surface tension of a liquid or solid in which it has dissolved.			
□ Surfactants consist of	molecules with a hydrophilic "head" & a long hydrophobic "tail".			
□ Addition of enough surfactant allows	to form (spherical shaped group of amphipathic molecules)			
□ Allows <i>hydrophobic</i> substances like	to be mechanically "washed away" using polar solvents like water.			
Micelle  Hydrophobic Core	Surfacants Quats			
□ Do NOT kill microbes; but effectively de-g	les that are fatty acids containing a atom (ex. Na+ or K+).  germs ( them from a surface).  s with many minerals & salts found in "hard water".  clothing/surfaces.			
Detergents: nonbiodegradable,	_ surfactant molecules like soaps, BUT generally with <i>sulfonate</i> groups.			
	d minerals & salts in hard water; therefore, they do NOT form a scum quats).			
Soaps & Detergents				
OH OH	Na <sup>⊕</sup> Molecule			
	S – o Na ⊕ Molecule			

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**PRACTICE:** Which of the following statements are FALSE?

- a) Soaps are made from organic materials like animal fats.
- b) Detergents are made from synthetic materials.
- c) Soaps interact with salt molecules in water which leaves a residue after washing.
- d) Soaps and Detergents kill microbes and are effective sterilants.
- e) All of the following are true.

## Quats

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●Quats (Quaternary Ammonium Compo	ounds):	detergents safe en	ough to use in food preparation	
□ Amphipathic molecules with a _		_ charged quaternary	group.	
□ cytoplasmi	ic membranes by inserting	$oldsymbol{g}$ into the phospholipid b	ilayer.	
Quaternary Ammonium Compounds ()				
QUAT Molecule	Quaternary Ammonium			
Hydrophobic tail				
`	·	QUAT N	/lolecules	

## **PRACTICE:** Quaternary ammonium compounds:

- a) Are cationic detergents that help wash surfaces.
- b) Are used as a 22% aqueous solution.
- c) Are extremely toxic to humans.
- d) Are amphipathic molecules with negatively charged hydrophilic portion.