

## **Bottled Water vs. Tap Water**

People may be wasting their money by buying bottled water. A study commissioned by Korea's newspaper reveals there is little difference between tap water and bottled water. Chemist from the University of California analyzed the tap water in three cities, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Diego, as well as various brands of mineral water.

Their results showed that the bottled water tested was no cleaner than tap water. The research leader, Dr. Berkley rejected the idea that bottled water was purer than the tap variety.

The California Newspaper reports that "Tap water is as healthy for you as bottled water – it's no different." The research also indicated tap water may be better for your teeth as it contains fluoride, which is excluded from most bottled water.

A huge difference highlighted by the study was the relative price of bottled water. The newspaper reports that the leading California brand priced at 0.99 cents per liter, is "209,333 per cent more expensive than tap water, which, in San Francisco, costs 0.075 cents per liter."

### **Questions for discussion:**

1. Do you drink tap water? Why or Why not?
2. If the government said your country's tap water is healthy to drink, would you believe them?
3. How much do you pay for bottled water? How much did you pay for a water filter?