

Saving Water

We need it to drink, wash, cook and a) _____.

Farmers need it to grow our food. b) _____ need it to make the products (and their packaging) that we buy. Power stations need water to produce the energy we use. Yes - it's water! And we use a lot.

That's OK – there's a lot of water on our planet!

True! But did you know that we can't use most of it? That's because it's salt water in seas and oceans or freshwater which is ice or in the ground.

In total, we can use less than c) _____ per cent of all the water on the planet!

So why is it a problem now?

Well, the world's population is increasing really fast, so more and more people are using water, and more and more water is being used to make food, products and energy for those people! And we mustn't forget that d) _____ and pollution are also bad for our water supply.

We're starting to use more water than our planet can give us - which means one day, we might not have enough. So, let's start saving water now!

Did you know?

- Up to 2,700 litres of water are needed to produce one cotton T-shirt, and up to e) _____ for one smart phone!
- Coal, gas and nuclear power plants all use water to produce our energy.
- By f) _____, the amount of water we use is predicted to be 55 per cent more than in 2000!

Seven ways to save water

1. Turn off the tap. Don't leave the water running when you're not using it, for example, when you're brushing your teeth.
2. Don't play with water. It's fun but it wastes a lot of water.
3. Take a shower instead of a bath. Baths use up more water than showers. But try not to spend more than g) _____ minutes in the shower!
4. Water plants carefully. Don't water them when h) _____ . Morning or evening are better.
5. Don't waste food. If you make a meal, don't make too much. Eat the leftovers the next day!
6. Don't waste products. Reduce, reuse, recycle instead! Reduce the number of plastic bags you use. Reuse things like boxes and bottles. Recycle instead of throwing in the bin!
7. Don't waste energy. For example, turn off lights when you leave a room.



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