

Video Zone: The world water crisis – exercises

Do the preparation task first. Then watch the video and do the exercises. Remember you can read the transcript at any time.

Preparation

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–h next to the numbers 1–8.

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| 1..... sanitation | a. really surprising, shocking |
| 2..... countless | b. to not have (or not have enough of) something |
| 3..... to lack | c. systems to take away sewage and keep water clean |
| 4..... glaciers | d. large areas of ice that move very slowly |
| 5..... teeming with | e. completely full of something (especially life and activity) |
| 6..... staggering | f. too many to count |
| 7..... diarrhoea | g. a condition that occurs when the body does not have enough water |
| 8..... dehydration | h. an illness that makes you pass waste from your body very often and in liquid, not solid, form |

1. Check your understanding: multiple choice

Circle the best answer to these questions.

- All living things ...
a. are 60% water. b. contain water. c. need to drink.
- 97% of the water on Earth is ...
a. frozen b. drinking water. c. salt water.
- One out of eight people ...
a. has to search for fresh water every day. b. has no toilet. c. dies from a lack of clean water.
- Many women have to ...
a. go days without water. b. find clean water. c. walk a long way to get polluted water.
- This time could be used ...
a. at school, work, or planting and building. b. looking after sick children. c. finding better water.

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6. A child dies from a water-related illness ...
- a. every 20 seconds. b. every 20 minutes. c. every 20 hours.

2. Check your understanding: gap fill

Fill the gaps with the correct number from the box

97	2	70	7
3	8	1	60

1. The human body is up to _____ % water.
2. _____ % of the Earth is covered with water.
3. _____ % of the water on Earth is salt water.
4. _____ % of the water on Earth is frozen in glaciers and ice caps.
5. Only _____ % of the water on Earth is fresh water.
6. There needs to be enough water for all _____ billion of us.
7. One out of every _____ people on Earth searches every day for fresh water.
8. A human can only survive _____ days without water.

Discussion

Did you like the video?

Did you learn anything new?

What can people do to change this situation?

Vocabulary Box

Write any new words you have learnt in this lesson.