Do the preparation task first. Then read the article about World Water Day and do the exercises.

**Preparation**

Match the vocabulary with the correct definition and write a–f next to the numbers 1–6.

1…….. to hold an event
2…….. a billion people
3…….. dirty water
4…….. thirsty
5…….. to catch a disease
6…….. to flush the toilet

1. to put lots of water into the toilet to clean it
2. to become sick
3. feeling that you want to drink
4. to have a special day that people can come to
5. water that is not safe to drink
6. 1,000,000,000 people

1. Check your understanding: grouping

Write the phrases in the correct groups.

- a. grow food.
- b. can’t wash their hands.
- c. cook.
- d. make energy.
- e. can’t go to school.
- f. walk many km every day to look for water.
- g. flush the toilet.
- h. brush our teeth.
- i. don’t have toilets.
- j. die from diarrhoea.

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2. Check your understanding: gap fill
Complete the sentences with the correct number from the box.

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1. In the UK people use about _______________ litres of water a day.
2. The human body is _______________ water.
3. _______________ million people around the world do not have clean water.
4. _______________ billion people around the world do not have clean toilets.
5. _______________ children die from diarrhoea from dirty water every day.
6. In Nigeria _______________ of people don’t have toilets.
7. In Nicaragua _______________ of people don’t have clean drinking water.
8. The World Day for Water is on March _______________ every year.
9. For World Water Day in the UK, people walk, run or cycle _______________ to help people who don’t have clean water.
10. In the UK children walk 6km with _______________ litres of water to raise money for World Water Day.

3. Check your vocabulary: multiple choice
Circle the correct way to say the number.

1. 150
   a. one hundred with fifty       b. fifty and one hundred     c. one hundred and fifty
2. 60%
   a. sixty of a hundred          b. sixty per cent             c. sixty in hundred
3. 750 million
   a. seven hundred and fifty million
   b. seven hundred and fifty millions
   c. seven hundreds and fifty millions
4. 2.5 billion
   a. two with five billion        b. two dot five billion        c. two point five billion

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5. 500,000
   a. fifty thousand  
   b. five hundred thousand  
   c. five hundred thousands

6. 1,400
   a. fourteen thousand  
   b. one thousand four hundred  
   c. one thousand four hundreds

7. (The year) 1993
   a. nineteen ninety three  
   b. one nine nine three  
   c. one thousand nine hundred and ninety three

8. March 22nd
   a. March twenty-two  
   b. March the twenty-two  
   c. March the twenty-second

Discussion

What do you think are the most important things we use water for?
Did anything in the article surprise you?
What can you do to save water?