

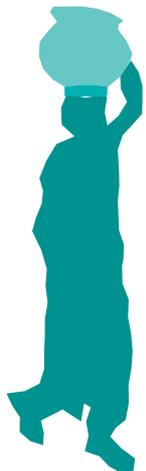


## ACTIVITY

## WATER QUIZ

For each statement indicate whether you think it is true or false.

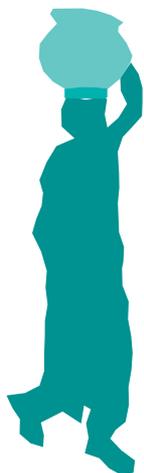
1. Most of the world's drinkable water is stored in reservoirs and lakes.	TRUE	FALSE
2. One million people in the world do not have access to clean, safe water.	TRUE	FALSE
3. The average person in the UK uses 150 litres of water every day.	TRUE	FALSE
4. On average, a person in the developing world uses 10 litres of water per day.	TRUE	FALSE
5. Leaving the tap running whilst you brush your teeth uses 4 litres of water.	TRUE	FALSE
6. The number of people dying from waterborne diseases is equal to one large passenger jet crashing every day.	TRUE	FALSE
7. 70% of the Earth's surface is covered in water.	TRUE	FALSE
8. Only 50% of the Earth's water is not salty.	TRUE	FALSE
9. Half of the world's major rivers are seriously polluted or depleted.	TRUE	FALSE
10. 4 out of 10 people in the world don't have access to a basic toilet.	TRUE	FALSE





## WATER QUIZ (ANSWER SHEET)

1. Most of the world's drinkable water is stored in reservoirs and lakes.  
(False. Most is stored in glaciers and ice-caps<sup>1</sup>.)
2. One million people in the world do not have access to clean, safe water.  
(False. Around 783 million people in the world do not have access to clean water<sup>2</sup>.)
3. The average person in the UK uses 150 litres of water every day.  
(True<sup>3</sup>.)
4. On average, a person in the developing world uses 10 litres of water per day.  
(True<sup>4</sup>.)
5. Leaving the tap running whilst you brush your teeth uses 4 litres of water.  
(True<sup>5</sup>.)
6. The number of people dying from waterborne diseases is equal to one large passenger jet crashing every day.  
(False. An estimated seven million people die a year from waterborne diseases, including 2.2 million children under five. That means a child under five dies every 14 seconds. That's 46 large passenger jets crashing every day<sup>6</sup>.)
7. 70% of the Earth's surface is covered in water.  
(True<sup>7</sup>.)
8. Only 50% of the Earth's water is not salty.  
(False. Only 2.5 % is not salty, and of this only about 0.3% is actually available for people to use. The rest is locked up in ice and in groundwater<sup>8</sup>.)
9. Half of the world's major rivers are seriously polluted or depleted.  
(True. According to WWF, there are an estimated 12,000 cubic kilometres of polluted water worldwide, which is more than the total amount contained in the world's 10 largest river basins at any given moment<sup>9</sup>.)
10. 4 out of 10 people in the world don't have access to a basic toilet.  
(True<sup>10</sup>.)



1 <http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/earthhowmuch.html>  
 2 Progress on Drinking Water and Sanitation 2012 Update – UNICEF/WHO  
 3 <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/beinggreen/117266.aspx>  
 4 Water Supply and Sanitation Collaborative Council (WSSCC)  
 5 <http://www.generous.org.uk/actions/home/1/turn-off-the-tap-when-brushing-your-teeth>  
 6 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3747588.stm>  
 7 <http://ga.water.usgs.gov/edu/earthhowmuch.html>  
 8 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3747588.stm>  
 9 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/sci/tech/3747588.stm>  
 10 Progress on Drinking Water and Sanitation 2012 Update – UNICEF/WHO