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Comprehension - Using water wisely

Name: _____

Read the following information carefully and answer the comprehension questions on page 2. Remember to write your answers in a sentence.

Water is a precious resource. In Australia, the annual rainfall in many parts of the country is very low, making the land dry and water supply limited. To make sure there is enough water for everyone, including for future generations, we must use it wisely.

Here are some simple things you can do to help conserve water:

- Turn taps off when they are not being used and make sure they are not dripping.
- Don't spend too long in the shower. It is important to be clean, but you should try and keep showers to four minutes.
- If you have a 'dual flush' toilet, use the appropriate flush setting. The 'half flush' setting uses less water than the 'full flush' setting.

You can collect water in tanks when it rains. Water from a rainwater tank may be unsafe for drinking, but it can be used to water gardens and for washing cars and clothes. If you can use water from a tank for these purposes it means less water is being taken from the ground.

If we all use water wisely there will be enough for everyone to use now and for the future.



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1. Why do you think that water is a 'precious resource'?

2. Write down two simple things that you can do to conserve water.

3. What can you use rainwater from a tank for?

4. Why is it important to use water wisely?
