## We Need Fresh Water

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Our planet is Earth. Water covers most of our planet. Almost all of that water is salt water. Salt water is very salty. People, animals, and plants need fresh water to live. Fresh water is not salty. **ReadWorks**® We Need Fresh Water

Earth does not have as much fresh water as salt water. People should remember to use fresh water carefully. They should never waste it.

Where is Earth's fresh water? Fresh water is found in rivers, lakes, and streams. It can also be found under the ground. Machines pump the water to the surface for people to use.

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- 1. What does the text say covers most of our planet?
  - A. dirt
  - B. water
  - C. salt
- **2.** This text describes fresh water and salt water. Which type of water covers most of our planet?
  - A. Dirty water covers most of our planet.
  - B. Salt water covers most of our planet.
  - C. Fresh water covers most of our planet.
- **3.** People, animals, and plants need fresh water to live. What does this information tell us about why it is so important to use fresh water carefully?
  - A. If we waste our fresh water, people, animals, and plants could die.
  - B. If we waste our fresh water, we will not be able to go swimming.
  - C. If we waste our fresh water, people will need to move to the ocean.

- 4. What is the main lesson of "We Need Fresh Water"?
  - A. Never waste fresh water because we need it to live.
  - B. It is okay to waste salt water.
  - C. Fresh water can be found in rivers, lakes, and streams.
- **5.** What do people use to pump underground water to the surface?

To pump underground water to the surface, people use

- 6. What did you learn from "We Need Fresh Water"?
- **7. Class Discussion Question:** Use information from the text to explain why it is so important to use fresh water carefully and never be wasteful.
- **8.** Draw a picture of a place where you can find fresh water.