

Water for Everyone ★ Unit 1 Resource B

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<p>Agriculture accounts for 70 % of global water consumption</p>	<p>2 million people die annually from diarrhea, mostly from the lack of clean water</p>	<p>The world's population is 7 billion, projected to increase to over 9 billion by 2050</p>
<p>As countries become more developed they eat more meat, dairy and vegetable produce, increasing the demand for water</p>	<p>The majority of the world's poorest people are smallholder farmers, and most of them rely on rain to grow low-yield crops</p>	<p>In the USA and Europe the average person uses between 200 and 600 litres of water/day</p>
<p>20 litres of fresh water/day is the basic need per person for drinking, washing, cooking and sanitation</p>	<p>Most of the predicted 2 million population growth to 2050 will come from less developed nations.</p>	<p>It takes ten times more water to produce a kilogram of beef than a kilogram of wheat</p>

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In many developing countries 95% of all water consumed goes to agriculture	Slum dwellers often pay 5 to 10 times more per unit of tanker water than people in wealthier homes with piped water	Nearly 3 billion people (over 40% of the world's population) live in water scarce conditions
20% of the global increase in water scarcity this century is due to climate change	Water demand has tripled in the last 50 years	Over 1 billion people live without a safe and reliable water supply