

Your Name:

“Water is Life” Website Research Activity

Each of the websites below provide valuable information that relates to the current global water crisis. Search each of the websites to find answers to the following global water crisis questions. Remember to record the website where you find the answer to the question. Each website may offer differing information. (One easy way to search for specific information is to locate the search feature of a website and enter a keyword or phrase relating to your question.)

Websites to search:

- [National Geographic](#)
- [American Museum of Natural History](#)
- [American Museum of Natural History for Kids](#)
- [National Geographic for Kids](#)
- [UNESCO](#) Water facts
- [Water.org](#)
- [The Greenways](#)
- [Living Green at Kids' Corner](#)

1: How much of the Earth is covered by water?

Answer:

2: What is the global percentage of saltwater vs. freshwater?

Answer:

Website: [The World's Freshwater NG](#)

3: How much water does the average person in Ethiopia need each day to survive?

Answer:

Website: [Water Works Water Use AMNH](#)

4: How much water does the average person in the United Kingdom use each day?

Answer:

Website: [Water Works Water Use AMNH](#)

5: How much water does the average person in the United States of America use each day?

Answer:

Website: [Water Works Water Use AMNH](#)

6: Compare your answers to Questions 3, 4, and 5. Write about it. What does this tell you about American water usage versus the rest of the world?

Answer:

7: What percentage of the world's fresh water is ready for people to drink?

Answer: _____% of the 3% of water that is fresh is ready for people to drink.

Website: [Healthy Water, Healthy Lives AMNH](#)

How does this number compare to the fact that about 66% of the Earth is covered by water?

Answer:

8: About how many people on the planet do not have access to clean drinking water?

Answer:

Website:

9: Why is it difficult for many people to find clean drinking water?

Answer:

Website:

10: Name a disease that is associated with contaminated water sources. Write a brief description of its consequences.

Answer:

- _____ -

Website:

11: List two facts about the global water crisis:

Answers:

- 1.
- 2.

12: What future choices could you make to protect this valuable natural resource?

List some water conservation ideas that you and your family can start doing.

Answers:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.

Websites:

Sum it up!

What have you learned from this research? What surprised you? How do your actions affect how much water you use? How would your life change if you didn't have access to water? What would you be willing to give up?

(Write a detailed paragraph with at least 6-7 sentences.)

