

How water is used

OBJECTIVES

To sort and classify water uses.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Explain to the children that many different groups in the community use water. As well as using it in the home, farmers use it to water their crops and animals and industry uses it to make the things we buy in the shops.

Present the children with Activity Sheet 13.2 which details the main categories of water use: Home, school, industry, hospitals, fire services, farming, leisure. One box has been left empty and children should be asked to think of a category of their own (e.g. gardening).

The children should be encouraged to discuss and record the specific uses of water under each of these headings.

Children are to present their work to the rest of the class.

EXTENSION

Ask the children to imagine that they and their family have only 50 litres of water per day (or 5 x 10 litre buckets). How would they use it and what would be their priorities?

KEY VOCABULARY

Home, school, industry, hospitals, fire stations, farming, leisure, water usage.

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Do the children show awareness of the variety of uses that water plays in our lives?

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Fill in the gaps to show how water is used:

