

Water uses

OBJECTIVES

To brainstorm and record uses of water.

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Introductory class discussion relating to water uses in the home e.g. washing, cooking, cleaning, drinking, gardening etc.

Children are to be encouraged to record on Activity Sheet 12.2 as many ideas as possible as a brainstorming activity (either individually, in pairs or in groups).

Children to present their ideas to the rest of the class.

EXTENSION

To estimate, in litres, the amount of water required for the selected uses.

It may be necessary to introduce one litre as an amount to the children.

KEY VOCABULARY

- water
- cooking
- drinking
- washing
- cleaning

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Can the children identify at least ten uses of water?

Have they recorded these appropriately?

Water uses

How many tasks or activities can you think of where you would use water at home?
For example: making a drink or taking a bath.

1	2	3
4	5	6
7	8	9
10	11	12
13	14	15

Water uses

Estimate how many litres of water we use for each of these tasks:

1 Wash the dishes by hand

2 Wash the dishes using a dishwasher

3 Wash your clothes in a washing machine

4 Flush the toilet

5 Take a shower

6 Take a bath

7 Brush your teeth and wash your hands (not under a running tap)

8 Brush your teeth and wash your hands (under a running tap)

9 Water the garden with a hose

10 Water the garden with a sprinkler