Water

Introduction

“Water, water, everywhere,  
And all the boards did shrink;  
Water, water, everywhere,  
Nor any drop to drink.”

― [Samuel Taylor Coleridge](http://www.goodreads.com/author/show/11525.Samuel_Taylor_Coleridge), [The Rime of the Ancient Mariner](http://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/678243)

In the poem, The Rime of the Ancient Mariner written between 1797 and 1798 Coleridge tries to describe what it is like to be adrift in an open boat in the vastness of the salty ocean. We all think we know water. Water is all around us, 75% (ref) of our planet is covered in it, if we are fortunate we get to drink it every day, we cook with it, wash with it and we die quickly without it. Water is so familiar that for most of us it is easy to forget that water is probably the most magical[[1]](#footnote-1) substance known to us.

Life began in water; our origins can be seen in the many ways water plays a critical role in our existence. Water is magical because it has unique properties. Water’s unique properties allow it to be a solid, a liquid and a gas all at the same time. It means that water can be an almost universal solvent; it is only because most things will dissolve in it that all of life’s processes can happen.

## What is water?

## Where is water?

## Where did it come from?

## Where does it go?

## The water cycle

1. By magical I mean in a scientific way not in a Harry Potter way! [↑](#footnote-ref-1)