



Water in the UK

Reducing Water Consumption

This activity will help you explain how the UK can provide water for its rapidly increasing population by reducing water consumption.

1. Complete the following table to show ways in which water usage could be reduced in the home, and how people might be persuaded to adopt these strategies:

Method	How these help reduce water consumption	How people could be persuaded to adopt them
Low flow water taps	less water is used when using taps.	Cheaper bills.
Dual flush toilets	Water usage is lowered for wees	Cheaper bills.
Reduced flow shower heads	Water usage is less for the same length shower	Guilt trip. longer showers.
Metering water supply into people's homes	People understand the impact of their water usage.	lower bills / Feeling Sustainable
Reusing waste water (e.g. from washing up) for flushing toilets or irrigating the garden	unnecessarily wasted water isn't re-treated before it is reused.	Cheaper.

2. In pairs, discuss ideas about how you can reduce water usage when:

- a) washing the car
Use a sponge rather than a pressure washer. Turn down the power on the hose.
- b) watering the garden
Only water areas that need to be watered

3. Suggest how these household appliances could be altered to reduce the amount of water they consume.

- a) washing machine
Eco cycle / Shorter wash times.
- b) dishwasher
Shorter wash times.
Fill dishwasher entirely to maximise efficiency.

4. Share your ideas in class by giving a three minute presentation.

