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DID YOU KNOW...?

Less than 3% of the water on Earth is freshwater that is drinkable. Of that, only about 1% is accessible in rivers, lakes, streams and waterholes. The rest is contained in glaciers and snowfields.

All living creatures need water to survive. However, the length of time animals can live without it varies. Take a look at these examples:

 Guinea pigs: one to two days

 Humans: three days

 Elephants: four days

 Camels: seven months

 Kangaroo rat: ten years, which is almost its entire life!

A prolonged period of unusually low rainfall is called a drought. Droughts can be caused by weather systems, but they can also be caused by climate change. As the world warms up, droughts are becoming more common.

South Africa is one of the world's driest countries and a drought was declared in Cape Town in 2017. The city's taps were on course to run dry and only through careful water conservation did the water shortage come to an end. People were asked to practise water-saving methods, such as having shorter showers and only flushing toilets when necessary. Filling swimming pools and washing cars were banned and there were even competitions to see who could wash their clothes the least!

Do you know any other facts about water?





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Water is a precious resource and shouldn't be taken for granted. There are many things we can all do to help conserve water:

💧 Turn the tap off while you brush your teeth. By doing this, one person could save more than 500 litres of water a month!

💧 Take short showers rather than baths. Reducing your shower by one minute could help save as much as 3,500 litres of water per year!

💧 Rather than garden hoses, use other ways to water plants. You could use any leftover water in your drinking glasses and water bottles.

💧 If you notice leaks or dripping taps around the house, make sure you tell someone so they can be fixed.

What else could you do to help conserve water?



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It's time for your own safari adventure!
Why not try and make your own jeep using things you
can find around your house?

Katy, Cassie, Zia and Luca added a mirror to their jeep
to act as a solar panel. What else could you add to yours
to make it more environmentally friendly?

