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Vital water

In Hong Kong, each of us uses an average of 214.7 litres of water a day. That is more than 200 large water bottles! The water is not all for drinking, obviously. Much of the water is used for other purposes. In fact, everything we wear, eat and use is made with water.

This Saturday is World Water Day. It is a day launched by the United Nations to remind us of the important liquid. Let us celebrate this day by learning about the many uses of water.

Editor's Note

I want to confess something ... I had some fast food recently. Shame on me! I was hungry so I had breakfast at a fast food restaurant. Those hash browns were like food from heaven but they are not good for my health. Turn to G05 to know why. Not only must you eat healthy food but you must also stay active too. Learn from our reader, Helen, on G12 who loves doing tons of activities!

Simon

Vocabulary Builder

important



Another word for 'important' is 'essential':

- Water is **essential** for survival.

You can say 'significant' too:

- The scientist's discovery is a **significant** step in curing the disease.

Goodies Learning Card



Janice

Beyond our homes

Water is important to us because we need to drink it for survival. It also **serves** us in many other ways:

In the factory

A lot of water is used for **industrial** purposes:

► Water is used to cool down hot machines in factories and power plants.

A lot of water is used to cool down the fuel rods in the Fukushima nuclear power plant!

No wonder we use so much water every day!

► Crops and grass are needed for food and to feed animals.

◀ Strong tides are used to **generate** electricity. This is called **hydropower**.

On the farm

Both crops and cattle need water:

◀ Cotton is used to make cloth for T-shirts and sheets.

That is why we need to save water. I cannot imagine a world without clean water to use.

This is the Three Gorges Dam (三峡大坝) in China. It is the largest hydropower plant in the world.

Waste no water

Water is an essential **resource** for each and every one of us, so **treasure** every droplet of it! Check out these tips on saving water. Put a tick next to the action you already do!

- ☐ Turn the water tap tightly after use.
- ☐ Do not pour away the unwanted water in your drinking bottle. You can use it to water plants instead.
- ☐ When washing fruits or dishes, wash them in a water-filled bowl instead of under running water.

Game

How many 'water' words can you find below?

W	A	T	E	R	A
A	A	A	R	R	R
T	W	T	E	A	T
E	E	T	E	T	E
R	A	E	T	R	A
W	R	R	W	E	R

Answers on G12

