

**1 Read and circle the best title for the article.**

- a. The Blue Planet                      b. Polar Ice Caps                      c. Water in Numbers

**• Read the passage and fill the data.**

Water is probably the most important resource on Earth. In fact, 60% of an adult's body is composed of water. It is not a coincidence that Earth is called "the blue planet," since 71% of it is covered in water. So why do we talk about water shortages?

This is because 97% of all the world's water is salty or unsafe to drink. The polar ice caps hold another 2% of it. This means that just 1% of the water is left to supply all of our needs, including what we use in our homes, communities, industries and farms!



| Percentage of an adult's body composed of water | Percentage of the Earth's surface covered by water | Percentage of the Earth's water that is salty or unsafe | Percentage of the Earth's water in the ice caps | Percentage of the Earth's water fit for human use |
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