

Fresh Water Resources



AUDIO 1 Lecture: Sources of Fresh Water

Listen to the lecture about sources of fresh water. Choose the best answer for each question.

1. What happens when rain or snow cannot sink into the ground?

- A) It becomes groundwater immediately.
- B) It turns into ice in cold regions.
- C) It stays on the surface and may form streams.
- D) It evaporates completely within a few hours.

2. Why are many farms located near rivers?

- A) Land near rivers is rich and fertile for growing plants.
- B) Rivers provide free transportation for products.
- C) Rivers never freeze in winter.
- D) Rivers contain more minerals than groundwater.

3. According to the lecture, what is the most important role of fresh water?

- A) Industrial use and manufacturing
- B) Transportation of goods
- C) Recreation and enjoyment
- D) Providing clean drinking water for humans and animals

4. How do streams become rivers?

- A) When they reach the ocean
- B) When they combine with other streams and become bigger
- C) When they stop flowing and form a lake
- D) When farmers divert them for irrigation

AUDIO 2 Lecture: Threats to Earth's Freshwater Supply

Listen to the lecture about problems that threaten the freshwater supply. Choose the correct option for each question.

5. What prevents water and nutrients from entering the ground?

- A) Forests and natural vegetation
- B) Snow and ice in cold regions
- C) Agricultural fields
- D) Concrete from buildings, roads and parking lots

6. Which of the following is NOT mentioned as a source of pollution?

- A) Volcanic eruptions
- B) Factories
- C) Human waste
- D) Fertilizers

7. According to the speaker, what is probably the biggest threat to the freshwater supply?

- A) Land development
- B) Overuse by humans
- C) Air pollution
- D) Climate change

8. According to the World Water Council, how many people do not have access to clean, safe water?

- A) more than 100 million
- B) more than 500 million
- C) more than 1 billion
- D) more than 2 billion

9. What does the speaker say all countries must do?

- A) Cooperate to stop pollution and use water carefully
- B) Build more factories near rivers
- C) Increase the total amount of water on Earth
- D) Stop all farming activities

AUDIO 3 Dialogue: Water in the USA

Listen to the conversation between two people about water access and habits in the United States. Choose the correct answer.

10. Why does Gina enjoy drinking tap water when she returns to the USA?

- A) It is free of charge.
- B) It has a special mineral taste.
- C) It is warmer than bottled water.
- D) It feels clean.

11. Does Gina trust that the water supply is checked carefully?

- A) No, she never trusts the water authorities.
- B) Yes, she believes the people in charge check it carefully.
- C) Only in big cities.
- D) Only when she buys bottled water.

12. Why does Gina sometimes buy bottled water?

- A) Because tap water is unsafe where she lives.
- B) Because it tastes better than tap water.
- C) Mostly for convenience (to take bottles in the car).
- D) Because the government recommends it.

13. What is the main environmental problem with bottled water mentioned in the dialogue?

- A) Plastic bottles fill up landfills.
- B) It uses too much electricity to produce.
- C) It is more expensive than tap water.
- D) It causes serious air pollution.

AUDIO 4 Interview: Water in Cambodia

Listen to the interview with Lauren and David about their experience with water supply in Cambodia (city and countryside). Choose the best answer.

14. How long did Lauren and David live in Cambodia?

- A) almost 2 years
- B) almost 3 years
- C) almost 4.5 years
- D) almost 6 years

15. In Phnom Penh (when they lived there), how did many people get water?

- A) from running water in their homes
- B) they bought water from trucks or collected rainwater
- C) from deep underground wells
- D) from the ocean after desalination

16. Why do many people in the Cambodian countryside get sick from water?

- A) They drink only bottled water of poor quality.
- B) The water is too salty.
- C) They boil the water too much.
- D) They drink surface water contaminated with animal feces.

17. Why do some people not boil the water even though they know they should?

- A) They need the wood for cooking food and often don't have enough.
- B) They don't know how to boil it properly.
- C) Boiling makes the water taste bad.
- D) The government forbids boiling surface water.

18. What colour was the surface water that Lauren and David sometimes had to drink?

- A) clear blue
- B) tea-coloured (thick)
- C) white
- D) bright green