

## Comprehension

### 1 Circle the correct answers.

1 What kind of water do people need to live?

- a freshwater                      b saltwater                      c wastewater

2 Which is NOT a reason the author gives for the water crisis?

- a farming                      b fishing                      c pollution

3 How can governments help solve the water crisis?

- a They can stop people from using too much water.      b They can get all their food from other countries.      c They can ask people to use more groundwater.

4 What is desalination?

- a taking salt out of water      b adding salt to water      c cleaning the ocean

### 2 Match the words with the definitions.

1 drought

a a source of water from the ground

2 famine

b a shortage of food

3 glacier

c water that falls from the sky as rain or snow

4 spring

d a long time with no rain

5 precipitation

e a large body of ice

### Fact and Opinion

The author of this text supports his points with facts and opinions. A fact is a statement that can be proved true or false.

An opinion states how someone thinks or feels.

Fact: "Portugal won the European Cup in 2016."

Opinion: "Taylor Swift is the best singer in the world."

### 3 Fact and Opinion Read the quotes from the text.

Write **F** (fact) or **O** (opinion).

1 "Seventy-one percent of Earth's surface is covered in water we can't drink!"

2 "Many lakes, rivers and aquifers are also getting smaller."

3 "We need to find a solution—and soon."

4 "Fixing leaks in pipelines that provide us with water is another solution."

5 "There are some pretty crazy ideas for solutions, too."

**4 Circle the statements the author would agree with.**

- a Fights over oil are more important than fights over water.
- b There is plenty of water on the planet for everyone.
- c Countries should work together to make sure everyone has water.
- d Solutions to the water crisis may be expensive, but they are necessary.
- e It is most important for farms to produce more food.

**5 Identifying Reasons and Evidence** Read the information about the solutions again. Answer the questions.

cleaning wastewater	fixing pipeline leaks	making glaciers
removing salt from saltwater	saving water	using filters for water

**1** Which solution does the author think is **LEAST** likely to succeed?


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**2** Which solution does the author think is **MOST** likely to succeed?

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✦ In the text, underline the reasons and evidence that support each answer.

**6 Active Reading** Think and discuss. What is the worst part of the water crisis? Explain why it is a problem.

**7** Listen to the some of the consequences of the water crisis. Mark (✓) the consequences that are most likely to affect you. 

- diseases
- conflict or war
- famine
- food prices
- food availability

✦ Think and discuss. Give reasons for your answers.