

READING PLAN: THE WATER CRISIS. p. 116 – 121 (READING BOOK)

1 Choose the correct answers.

1 What kind of water do people need to live?

freshwater
wastewater
saltwater

3 How can governments help solve the water crisis?

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

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

farmland
fishing
pollution

4 What is desalination?

taking salt out of water
cleaning the ocean
adding salt to water

2 Match the words with the definitions.

drought

• a long time with no rain

famine

• a shortage of food

glacier

• a large body of ice

spring

• water that falls from the sky as rain or snow

precipitation

• a source of water from the ground

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 Choose the statements the author would agree with.

Fights over oil are more important than fights over water.

Solutions to the water crisis may be expensive, but they are necessary.

There is plenty of water on the planet for everyone.

Countries should work together to make sure everyone has water.

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?

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