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Read this school magazine article about water scarcity and think of one suitable word to fill each gap.

I decided to write for the school magazine (a) _____ I am really upset about the way some people take water for granted.

I wonder if you have ever been really, really thirsty? So thirsty that you (b) _____ drink dirty water? Have you ever known the kind of thirst that makes your tongue feel swollen in your mouth and cracks your lips? Hmm! I thought not! Water scarcity is not a subject that troubles many of us.

The next time you dive into the school swimming pool, I would like you to think about Jay, who faces water scarcity every day. I made friends (c) _____ Jay over the internet when our class did a project on climate change. Mrs Dara, who taught us geography, formed a partnership with a school in Uganda. Jay and I have (d) _____ emailing each other ever since.

Each morning, Jay has to walk for an hour to fetch water, (e) _____ her family then use for cooking and drinking. Carrying water home from the well may make her late for school, (f) _____ Jay never complains. In fact, she thinks she is lucky. She says her uncle has a farm in another part of Uganda (g) _____ there has been a drought for two years.

I was so delighted (h) _____ Jay emailed to say a new irrigation system was being installed for local farms that would mean a much better harvest and enough water for her uncle's cattle.

I'm sure you would like to make a difference, so visit our fundraising cake stall on Friday 17th. All the proceeds from our delicious cakes are going to a water charity (i) _____ helps build wells in dry areas.

(j) _____, I would like to share these wonderful words from my favourite poet, W. H. Auden: 'Thousands have lived without love, not one without water.'

