

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
60%	71%	97%	2%	1%