



Every time you turn on the tap in your home, you receive one of the world's most precious commodities - fresh, clean drinking water. Essential for all life, water is an amazing substance that can appear as a liquid, a solid, or a gas.

Next to the air we breath, water is our most essential resource. People, plants and animals all need water to live. Without water, there would be no life on our planet! Here are some other interesting facts about water...

FACT: Water is the original health drink. It contains no fat, no calories, and no cholesterol.

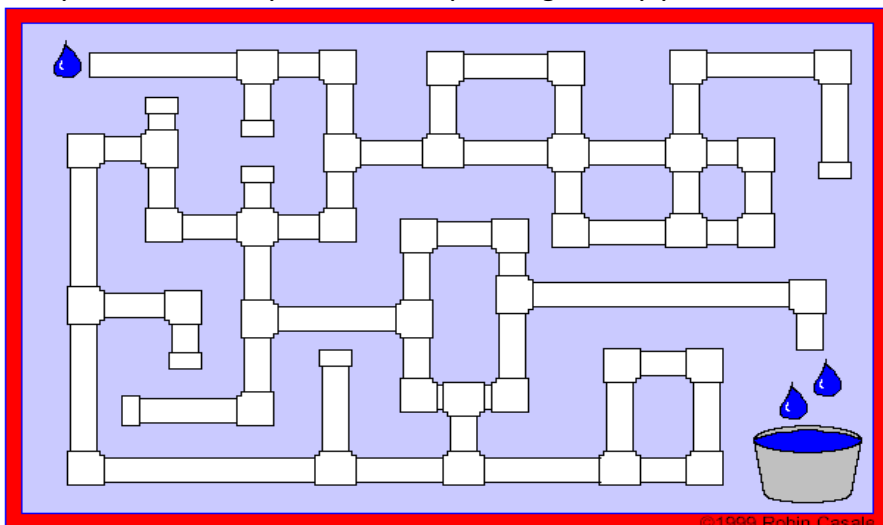
FACT: Even though about 3/4 of Earth's surface is covered with water, less than 1% is suitable and available for drinking using conventional water treatment.

FACT: In 1800, there were only a few public water systems in the U.S. Today, there are tens of thousands of systems to get clean water to homes and businesses.

FACT: In just 16 hours, U.S. water utilities produce as much potable (drinkable) water as the oil industry produces oil in a year. In 24 hours, as much water tonnage is produced as the steel industry produces steel in an entire year.

FACT: Only about 3% of the tap water we use on a typical day is used for drinking. Most of the rest goes for outdoor watering, bathroom uses, and clothes and dish washing.

Help the water drop make its way through the pipes.



WITHOUT TAP WATER...

- How would we cook, wash dishes and clothes, or water plants and landscapes?
- How would we bathe? Brush our teeth?
- How many businesses would have to suspend operations or relocate entirely?
- How would hospitals, firehouses, schools, and other institutions function?

