

How can people save water?

- 1 People cannot live without water. They drink it. They cook with it. They wash their bodies and clothes with it. They water farms and gardens with it.
- 2 You may think there is plenty of water on Earth. But finding it is getting harder all the time. A lot of water is polluted with waste from factories and homes. And there are more people on Earth now than ever before. So there's less water to go around.
- 3 That's why it's important to save water whenever you can. Here are a few ideas. Leave the water off while you brush your teeth. Take quick showers instead of baths. If you do take a bath, don't fill the tub too full. Use just enough water and no more.
- 4 You can also save water in another way. Make sure you don't pollute it. Never throw garbage into a pond, lake, or stream. And if you see someone polluting or wasting, tell a grown-up about it. If people all work together to save water, Earth can be sure of having enough in years to come.

Circle the right answer for questions 1–5. Write your answer to question 6 on a blank piece of paper.

1. The article does not tell about _____.
A water from oceans
B how to fill a bathtub
C what water is used for
D how water gets polluted

2. Which word in paragraph 2 means “dirty, or not pure”?
A harder
B polluted
C plenty
D waste

3. Which paragraph tells about saving water at home?
A 1
B 2
C 3
D 4

4. Which of these is not a way to save water?
A Don't throw garbage into a lake.
B Take quick showers instead of baths.
C Leave the water off when you brush your teeth.
D Wash your car at home rather than at a carwash.

5. The article does not say, but you can decide that _____.
A most people take baths
B one person can't help to conserve water
C throwing trash in a pond doesn't hurt anything
D factories need to be careful where they dump waste

6. What other ways to save water can you think of? Make a list.
Then tell which way you think is most important.

What art has lasted for 25,000 years?

- 1 Australia is an island continent. For thousands of years, its people met no one from the outside world. So their way of life hardly changed during that time. The native Australians hunted for food. When all the food in a place was used, they moved on. Wherever the people went, they took their stories and their art with them.
- 2 Today, art that is 25,000 years old can still be seen on rock walls in Australia. Some paintings tell stories of the native Australians' everyday life. There are wonderful pictures of kangaroo hunts. Other paintings show spirit beings. These were from the early people's "dreamtime" stories. They tell of a time before there were people. Dreamtime myths and paintings reminded the early Australians of their beliefs. Their main belief was that they were a part of nature.
- 3 The ancient Australian art has a look all its own. Animals and people don't look real. They're not supposed to. Some paintings were done by great artists. Others were not. Today, there are still a few native Australian artists who paint dreamtime myths. Through them, the ancient art will live on.

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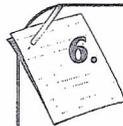
1. Early Australians believed that they _____.
A should not travel
B could dream in color
C were a part of nature
D would always have good hunting

2. Which word in paragraph 2 means “stories about heroes”?
A myths
B beliefs
C pictures
D paintings

3. Native Australians changed areas when _____.
A the weather changed
B all the food was used
C the spirits scared them away
D they were looking for rock walls

4. The article does not say, but you can decide that native Australians _____.
A ate kangaroo
B wrote stories in books
C made realistic paintings
D did not like nature

5. *Outside* can have the following meanings. Mark the meaning used in paragraph 1.
A barely possible
B not included in a group
C being from another place
D being on the outer surface



6. Think about things that mean a lot to you. Draw a picture to show some of the most important things in your life. Then write a paragraph to explain your picture.

What are musk oxen?

- 1 Musk oxen are often called the "Bearded Ones." The animals have long, brown hair hanging down to their feet. They are about the size of cows. But musk oxen don't belong to the ox family. They belong to the goat family. They live in Alaska, Greenland, and Canada.
- 2 When frightened, musk oxen make a circle. They stand shoulder to shoulder. Then they put their heads down to face the enemy. Their white horns curve down, out, and up. They end in sharp points. The animals look very fierce.
- 3 For years, people killed many musk oxen for food and wool. Then steps were taken to save the wild animals. Some people even began to raise a few musk oxen. They wanted to use the animals' long silky undercoat. One pound of this silky hair makes six miles of fine wool yarn. The wool can be dyed and made into warm clothes.
- 4 Musk oxen raised on farms are friendly and like to play. If someone comes to take their picture, they may walk over and put a wet nose on the camera. The hairy animals seem to like their life on the farm.

