



"How water efficient are you?" is a game which will help students assess their water efficiency. Students could read the questions listed below and mark their answers in the first column (Answer) with a, b, c or d. Where a = always, b = very often, c = sometimes, d = never. In the second column students could mark themselves with 0, 2, 3 or 5 points based on their practices. The scoring pattern has been described towards the end of the game.

| Do you practice any of the following? | Answer | Score |
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| 1. Use water from a mug for brushing your teeth | | |
| 2. Turn off the tap when not in use | | |
| 3. Use waste water obtained after washing cereals and vegetables for watering plants | | |
| 4. Water the plants in the garden any time of the day | | |
| 5. Practice rain water harvesting at home | | |
| 6. Educate your parents about efficient use of water | | |
| 7. Stop your friends from wasting water | | |
| 8. Keep the tap on while brushing or shaving | | |
| 9. Keep the tap on while washing clothes and vessels | | |
| 10. Wash vegetables, fruits, etc in a vessel filled with water instead of directly under the tap | | |
| 11. Turn your back to an open tap in a public place | | |
| 12. Use defrost water to water plants after it has warmed to room temperature | | |
| 13. Use fertiliser over organic manure for raising your garden | | |
| 14. Have a bath with water from a bucket instead of a shower | | |
| 15. Replace damaged/ leaky pipes, taps and valves | | |
| 16. Maintain a landscaped garden at home with a number of exotic species | | |
| 17. Wash vehicles with a hose instead of a bucket and cloth | | |
| 18. Whenever you turn on the tap, you turn it to the maximum flow | | |
| 19. Use stored water for soaking clothes, watering the plants or mopping the floor | | |
| 20. While filling a glass with drinking water, I take only as much as is required | | |

Scoring

For questions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20
a = 5 points, b = 3 points, c = 2 points, d = 0 points

For questions 4, 9, 11, 17, 18
a = 0 points, b = 2 points, c = 3 points, d = 5 points

Results

Calculate your water efficiency :

Based on the total of the final scores, students could assess how water efficient he or she is or how much one needs to improve such that their practices are more water efficient.

- > 80: Congratulations!! You are water wise and could help in spreading the message of water conservation
- 60-80: You are good, but not amongst the best. A little improvement and you could create wonders
- 40-60: You are rated average and could slip to the very poor category. Beware!!
- < 40: You are very poor and really need to buck up to preserve water on earth