

## 1 Water

9 Water is life. Without water, humans, other animals,  
18 and plants cannot live. Humans need water everyday, and  
29 we use water in many ways that are important to our  
32 health and comfort.

42 In the United States, we are lucky to have clean  
55 water most of the time. We use this water to drink, to cook  
65 with, to clean our bodies, our dishes, and our clothes.

73 Farmers spray water on crops like corn, tomatoes,  
82 strawberries, and hundreds more foods in their fields that  
93 we eat. Ranchers give water to their animals and use water  
103 to grow grasses that animals like cows, pigs, and chickens  
114 feed on. Water is used to clean foods like lettuce, carrots,  
116 and radishes.

125            Besides providing us food, water is used for human  
133 enjoyment. Water fills swimming pools, hot tubs, and  
144 water parks. Water is used in fountains at parks and public  
156 places. Water is used to clean cars. Water is used to keep  
160 car engines running cool.

169            Water keeps our lawns green and helps the flowers  
178 and other plants grow. Without water, people would not  
188 be able to decorate the outside of homes, schools, and  
194 libraries with green and colorful plants.

204            The United States is fortunate to have so much rain  
215 and snow that gives us our clean water each year. Not  
225 every place on Earth has this gift. Many countries have  
236 little water, or very little clean water. We need to protect  
248 the water we have and conserve it, so it will always be  
258 around us for the thousands of ways we use it.