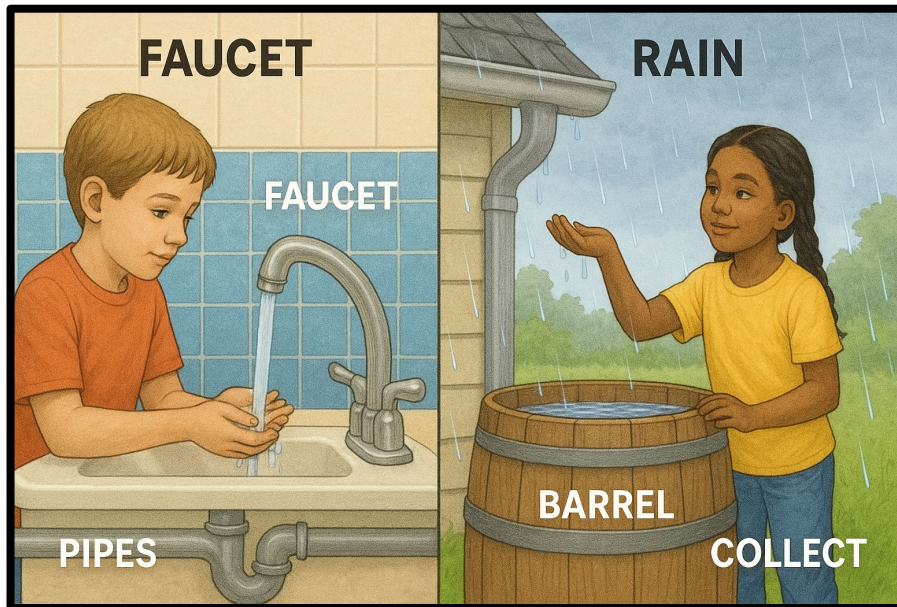


Reading Comprehension Worksheet: Compare and Contrast

Read the short story and answer each question.



Getting Water from a Faucet

In many homes, water comes from a faucet.

You turn a handle and water flows out.

Faucets give clean water for drinking, washing, and cooking.

The water comes through pipes under the ground.

The water is cleaned before it reaches your home.

Faucets make getting water fast and easy.

Collecting Rainwater

Some people collect rainwater in barrels or tanks.

Rain falls from the sky and lands on the roof.

The water flows into a container through pipes or gutters.

People use rainwater to water plants or clean things.

Rainwater is not always clean enough to drink.

Collecting rain saves water and helps the Earth.



Name: _____

Getting Water from a Faucet & Collecting Rainwater

1. How do people get water from a faucet?

- A. They wait for it to rain
- B. They turn a handle and water flows
- C. They scoop it from a barrel
- D. They clean it with a sponge

2. Why do some people collect rainwater?

- A. To fill a swimming pool
- B. To help the Earth and save water
- C. To drink without boiling
- D. To wash dishes in the rain

3. Fill in the blank:

Both faucets and rain barrels give people ways to get

_____.

4. What is one difference between getting water from a faucet and collecting rainwater?

5. What is one way both methods help people?



Parent and Teacher Guide

Guide Reading Level: J

Lexile Level: 290L-450L

Grade Level: 1st Grade, End of the Year

Genre: Nonfiction – Paired Informational Texts (Science & Daily Life)

Introducing the Text

"Today we're reading two nonfiction texts about how people get water—one is about using a faucet, and the other is about collecting rainwater. As we read, we'll compare what is the same and what is different between these two ways of getting water."

Vocabulary: faucet, rainwater, pipes, collect, clean

Before Reading Discussion Questions

1. Where do you get the water you use every day?
 2. Have you ever seen rain being collected?
 3. Why is water important?
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During Reading Discussion Questions

1. What does each text say about how people use the water?
 2. Which way gives water quickly?
 3. Which way helps save water?
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After Reading Discussion Questions

1. What are some good things about using a faucet? What about collecting rain?
 2. What did the pictures help you understand about both ways of getting water?
 3. What is one reason people might choose to collect rain instead of turning on a faucet?
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Activity Idea

Give students a page with two labeled pictures: one of a faucet and one of a rain barrel. Ask them to draw how water travels to each and write one sentence under each drawing comparing the two.

