

Vocabulary

Text 1: The water crisis – what are the big issues?

- sanitation – cleaning and washing of, for example, kitchens and bathrooms
Example: There is good sanitation at the hospital.
- intention – a plan or schedule
Example: The intention is to finish on Wednesday.

Text 2: Hygiene – what are the problems?

- hygiene – keeping things clean to stop disease and illness
Example: Good hygiene is essential when cooking.
- infrastructure – basic systems to make a town or country operate correctly
Example: Our hospital infrastructure needs to improve.
- infectious diseases – sickness that moves from one person to another, such as cholera or Covid-19
Example: We have infectious diseases in rural areas.
- transmitted – moved from one person or place to another
Example: Poor hygiene transmitted the cholera.

Text 3: Climate change and water

- fossil fuel – any fuel made from carbon, such as oil, gas or petrol
Example: Burning oil and fossil fuels causes climate change.
- starvation – the result of people not eating enough
Example: There was starvation after the floods.
- catastrophic – a very serious situation
Example: The result of the fire was a catastrophic loss of life.

Text 4: The water crisis – facts and figures from the United Nations

- sustainable development – development that is enough for the needs of today and does not damage the future
Example: Sustainable development will help us save the planet for our grandchildren.
- adequate – something is adequate when it is good enough to meet a goal
Example: The sanitation at the school is adequate now.

