

The Water Guardians program

Always learning for a thriving Tasmania

At home activity pack

Dear parents and carers,

We are excited to share with you what your child has learned during our Water Guardians water literacy program at school!

In this pack, you'll find simple messages about saving water, ways to talk with your child about what they've learned, and some fun activities to do together at home.



What have we learned?

In our program, we learned how important water is, and what we can do to look after it in our environment and at home. Here are the key messages your child has picked up:

1. Water is important for health (to thrive!)

Water keeps our bodies working well, after all we are about 60 per cent water! It helps with things like concentration, digestion, and carrying nutrients all around our body. Drinking clean water keeps us healthy and gives us energy.

2. Protect our water sources

Keeping our waterways clean is everyone's responsibility. Rubbish and other pollution can harm animals and make our drinking water sources dirty. It's important to throw rubbish or recycling material in bins, and reduce pollution in our environment, particularly around waterways.

3. Save water for a sustainable future

Water on Earth is finite, that means there's only a certain amount to go around! Small habits like turning off the tap while brushing teeth, taking shorter showers, and fixing leaks can add up to save a lot of water. By reducing the amount of water we use at home means there is more water to go around for everyone who needs it. It also means more water stays in our environment for our plants and animals.

Conversation starters

Keep the conversation flowing at home:

What are some ways we can save water at home?

Encourage your child to brainstorm and share ideas on how your family can reduce water usage. While you're doing that, remember why it's good to save water.

Why do you think it's important to keep our rivers and lakes clean?

Discuss the impact of pollution from the land on drinking water, wildlife and the environment, and how we can all help to keep things clean.

Can you share any cool facts you learned about water?

Ask your child to recount interesting facts or stories from the program, fostering pride in their learning.

Fresh water is made and moved around the Earth thanks to the water cycle.

Earth is the only planet with liquid water.

Most water on Earth (97 per cent) is salty, only a very small amount is fresh.



Thank you for supporting your child's learning journey.

By talking about water and doing activities together you are helping to reinforce the valuable lessons they've learned about water. Together, we can make a difference in protecting the water in Tasmania for our future generations!

If you have any questions or would like to share your water literacy activity experiences, please feel free to reach out by emailing communityprograms@taswater.com.au or to find out more about your water please visit www.taswater.com.au

Activity 1

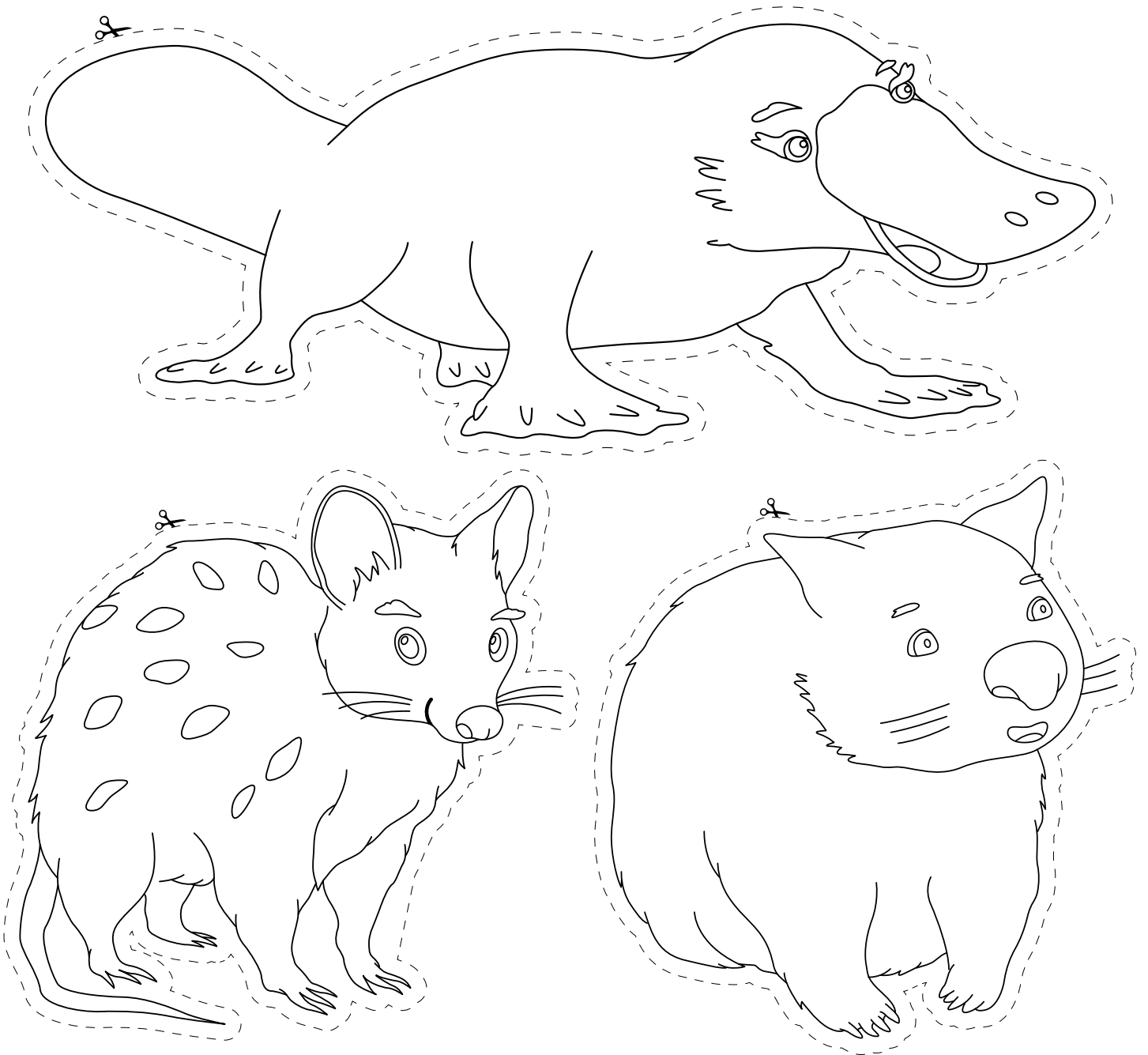
Can you be a Water Guardian?

A water guardian is someone who helps protect and take care of water. This means they make sure water is clean and used wisely, so there's enough for everyone—plants, animals, and people.

You can be a water guardian at home! Colour in Laurel, Winnie and Jasper, cut them out and then place them somewhere in your home as a reminder to use water wisely.

Some ideas:

- Above your toilet as a reminder to use the half flush button
- Next to the bathroom tap as a reminder to turn it off while brushing your teeth
- By the washing machine as a reminder to wash when it is a full load
- In the kitchen as a reminder to only run the dishwasher when it is full



Activity 2

Water cycle songs

There are LOADS of water cycle songs on the internet, find your favourites and encourage your child to make up some water cycle dance moves! How could they represent evaporation, condensation and precipitation using body movement?



Activity 3

Word search

Find the following words in the puzzle. Words are hidden ↓ **vertically** and → **horizontally**.

U	H	A	Y	C	I	P	K	L	A
S	D	R	Y	L	C	L	X	H	U
K	C	G	P	O	E	L	T	A	P
W	C	A	V	U	S	D	K	A	H
E	Z	S	Z	D	N	W	W	S	E
T	K	W	Y	F	O	Y	A	A	A
I	R	A	I	N	W	Y	T	P	L
L	K	F	K	V	R	R	E	W	T
T	Z	P	R	I	V	E	R	Q	H
S	A	L	T	Y	A	D	P	P	Y

Wet
Dry
Healthy
Tap
Water
Rain
~~Snow~~
Ice
Cloud
Salty
Gas
River

Activity 4

Matching

Draw a line to match the water source to the correct image.



lake

river

pond

rain

ocean

dam



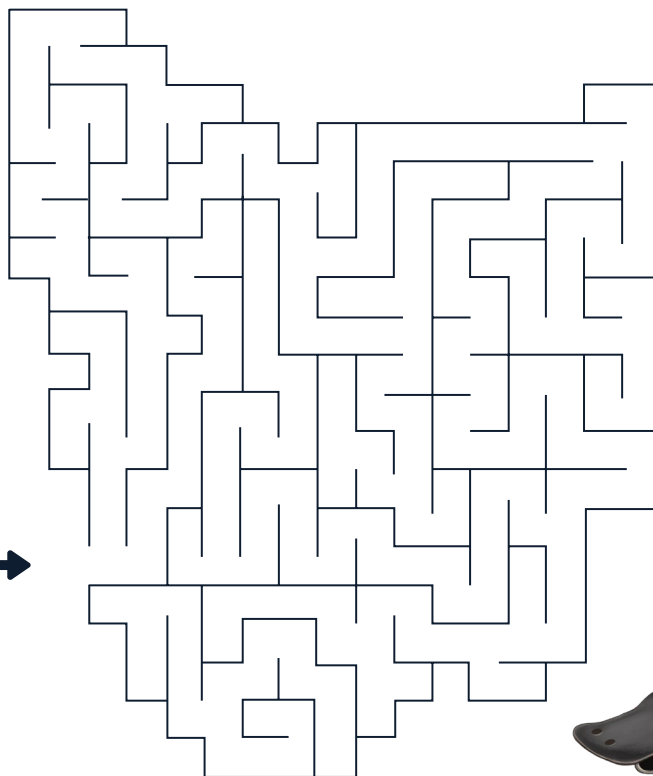
Activity 5

Maze

Help! Winnie needs to get across to the east coast of Tasmania to be with Jasper and Laurel. Can you help her find her way?



Start →



Finish

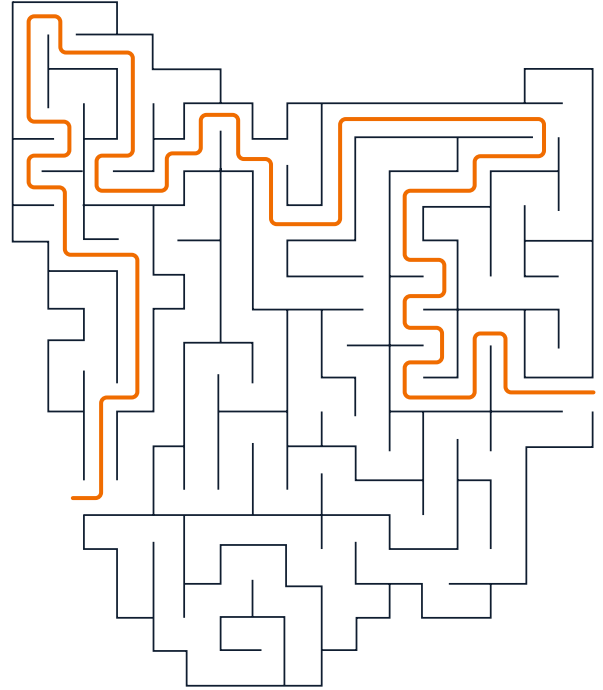


Answers

Word search

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