1. Turn on the tap, and out pours fresh, clean water. But where does it come from? In many places, water is pumped from lakes and rivers or from under the ground to wells or to treatment plants. There, it is cleaned to make it safe to drink. Then pipes carry clean water into our homes.

2. Water is important to people—we need it to live! To stay healthy, we drink it every day. We also use it to get clean and to wash away germs. We think there will always be plenty of water when we need it, but that may not be true.

3. In the past, people wasted water. Water was polluted with harmful things, such as garbage and oil.

4. We must protect our water. To make sure we have fresh water in the future, everyone must help today. So be sure to use water wisely!