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Water Is Life

Some people say water is life. We all need water to live.





People need water to drink.
They need it to grow and
make food. People need
water to keep clean too.

A circular photograph of a young boy with dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt, drinking water from a clear glass. The boy is shown in profile, looking upwards. The background is a solid light blue. The entire image is set against a red background with a blue circular border.

A boy drinks water
from a glass.

These girls water plants.



A girl washes her hands to keep clean.



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Water Needs

People need at least 8 **liters** (2 gallons) of water each day. That is enough for drinking and cooking. But to stay clean, it takes more than twice that amount of water.

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