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Ask an Adult: Water Through Time

Interview a parent, grandparent, carer or another adult using the questions below. Find out how water use has changed over time at home, at school or in the community.

Write down their answers, then compare what has changed and what has stayed the same.

1. When you were a child, what did people use water for most at home?	2. Were there any water-saving habits you remember from when you were younger?
3. Did your family ever talk about drought, water restrictions or saving water?	4. Has anything changed in the way people shower, wash clothes, water gardens or clean the house?



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5. Are there things people did back then that might be done differently today?	6. Did homes or schools have different things, like rainwater tanks, sprinklers, buckets, hoses or gardens?
7. What is one water habit you think people today should learn from the past?	8. What is one thing about water use today that is better than it used to be?

Look at your interview answers and use the table below to compare water use in the past and today.

What changed?	What stayed the same?

