

A Clean Drink of Water



All people need clean water. They need it for drinking, for cooking, and for bathing. Some people in a village in South America did not have clean water. Their water was full of oil and dirt. People there got sick when they drank the water. Far away, other people heard about the problem. They sent empty water tanks to the village. Rainwater fell into the tanks. That water was clean. Now the people in that village have clean water.

Name: _____ Date: _____

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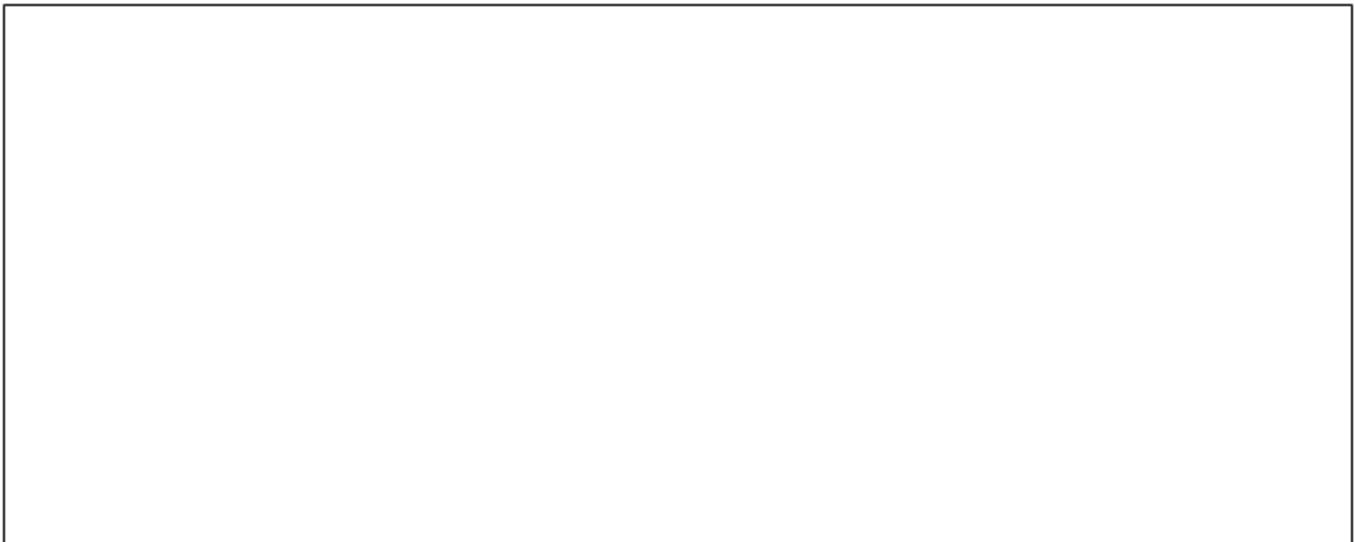
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Teacher Guide & Answers

Note to Teacher: Read each question out loud to your students and have each student complete the worksheet independently. For questions 5 A) and 6, you can have students draw their answers, answer orally, or write their answers depending on your students' progress. If you have them write their answers, you may want to write the word(s) on the board for them to copy. Question 7 is a class discussion question.

Passage Reading Level: Lexile 410

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Suggested answer: empty water tanks

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Suggested answer: Students' pictures should include large water tanks and happy villagers drinking *clean* water.

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Suggested answer: Answers may vary yet students should indicate that the empty water tanks were a helpful solution. The problem was that the people in the village did not have access to clean drinking water that did not make them sick. The empty water tanks were a helpful solution because clean rainwater fell into the tanks, allowing the people to use the clean water.