

# Water Conservation for Young Children

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**Grade Level** 1-2  
**Duration** 1-2 class periods

## National Standards

### GEOGRAPHY ELEMENT FIVE ENVIRONMENT AND SOCIETY

14. How human actions modify the physical environment.

16. The changes that occur in the meaning, use, distribution, and importance of resources.

### ELEMENT SIX: THE USES OF GEOGRAPHY

18. How to apply geography to interpret the present and plan for the future.

## AZ College and Career Ready Standards

### ELA STANDARDS

#### WRITING

##### Research to Build and Present Knowledge

**1.W.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., explore a number of “how-to” books on a given topic and use them to write a sequence of instructions).

**2.W.7** Participate in shared research and writing projects (e.g., read a number of books on a single topic to produce a report; record science observations).

#### LANGUAGE

##### Conventions of Standard English

**1.L.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

a. Capitalize dates and names of people.

b. Use end punctuation for sentences.

c. Use commas in dates and to separate single words in a series.

**2.L.2** Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

a. Capitalize holidays, product names, and geographic names.

#### Mathematics Standards

##### Strand 1: Number and Operations

##### Concept 2: Numerical Operations

###### Grade 1

PO 4. Create word problems based on addition and subtraction facts.

###### Grade 2

PO 5. Create and solve word problems based on addition and subtraction of two-digit numbers.

##### Strand 2 Data Analysis, Probability, and Discrete Mathematics

##### Concept 1 Data Analysis

###### Grade 1

PO 2. Ask and answer questions by interpreting simple displays of data, including tally charts or pictographs.

###### Grade 2

PO 2. Formulate and answer questions by interpreting displays of data, including pictographs, frequency tables, or single bar graphs.

## Arizona Geography

### Concept 6

#### Geographic Applications

##### Grade 1

PO 2 Use geography concepts and skills (e.g., recognizing patterns, mapping, graphing) to find solutions for problems (e.g., trash, leaky faucets, bike paths, traffic patterns) in the environment.

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SIOP Elements		
<b>Preparation</b> Adapting content <b>Linking to past learning</b> Strategies used	<b>Scaffolding</b> <b>Modeling</b> Guided practice Independent practice <b>Comprehensible input</b>	<b>Grouping Option</b> Whole class <b>Small groups</b> Partners Independent
<b>Integrating Processes</b> <b>Reading</b> <b>Writing</b> Speaking <b>Listening</b>	<b>Application</b> <b>Hands on</b> <b>Meaningful</b> <b>Linked to objectives</b> <b>Promotes engagement</b>	<b>Assessment</b> <b>Individual</b> Group Written Oral

### TESOL Standard(s)

#### Goal 2, Standard 2

To use English to achieve academically in all content areas: Students will use English to obtain, process, construct, and provide subject matter information in spoken and written form

- listening to, speaking, reading, and writing about subject matter information
- gathering information orally and in writing
- retelling information
- selecting, connecting, and explaining information
- analyzing, synthesizing, and inferring from information
- representing information visually and interpreting information presented visually
- hypothesizing and predicting
- understanding and producing technical vocabulary and text features according to content area
- demonstrating knowledge through application in a variety of contexts

### Arizona English Language Proficiency Standards

#### Stage I Writing Applications

**Standard 1: The student will express his or her thinking and ideas in a variety of writing genres. The student will express his or her thinking and ideas by using a variety of writing genres, as demonstrated by:**

B-8: participating in the guided writing of a short response to a literary selection that connects text to self, text to world, or text to other text with instructional support.

**Standard 2: The student will identify and apply conventions of standard English in his or her communications.**

B-7: using periods, question marks and exclamation points with instructional support.

### Overview

The interdependence of people and the earth's resources is an important geography concept. By focusing on the ways people use water, young children can understand the role of this resource in

daily life and their own responsibilities for practicing water conservation.

### Purpose

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In this lesson, students will read, listen to, and discuss information from various sources on water conservation. They will then commit to one way that they will conserve water in their everyday lives. This lesson includes strategies for diverse learners (ELLs).

## Key Vocabulary

**conserve:** to use a resource wisely

**resource:** something that can be used when it is needed

**groundwater:** water under the surface of the earth

**surface water:** water on the surface of the earth (lakes, rivers)

## Materials

- Internet access, LCD projector, sound speakers
- Whiteboard and markers
- Water Saving PreTest
- Water Conservation Cards
- Zipper baggies
- Crayons or colored pencils
- Water Saving Classbook Template
- Scoring Guide
- Vocabulary Cards

## Objectives

The student will be able to:

1. Identify and write about strategies for water conservation.
2. Create word problems that involve adding and subtracting.
3. Create word problems from a data display.

## Procedures

*Prior to the Lesson: Print the Conservation Cards on as many different colors of copy paper as you have so each group has a different color. This way "lost" cards can be relocated to the group's cards. Laminate the cards if possible and put in baggies.*

*Gather from the school library picture/easy reader books on water conservation and during this lesson, allow students to access the books for more information and ideas. In addition, students who finish early can access the books.*

## Session One

### Engage:

a. Create two columns on the whiteboard: Home/School and Outdoors. Have students brainstorm all the ways that people use water and have them decide under which column this water use should be written. Do not erase the columns. **(Preparation: Linking to Past Learning)**

### Explore:

c. Introduce the term "Conserve." Place the word on the Word Wall. Then explain that water is a "Resource" Place the word on the Word Wall. Have several students practice filling in these two sentences by pointing to the Word Wall and picking the correct term..

**Water is a \_\_\_resource\_\_\_. We need to \_\_\_conserve\_\_\_ water.**

**(Application: Linked to Objectives)**

d. Have students take the Water Saving Pretest. Collect the pretests. **(Application: Promotes engagement)**

### Elaborate:

e. Now have the students watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVGdPX62q5w&feature=youtu.be> (7 min) or you can shorten and only watch about 2.5 minutes and not view the water saving tips and the history of how Arizona gets it water. **(Application: Linked to Objectives)**

**(Scaffolding: Comprehensible input)**

f. Replay the video through the part about surface water and groundwater. Sketch a piece of land on the whiteboard (brown dirt, a tree, some plants, soil under the plants, people walking on the land, etc) or create a room mural. Have 2 students come to the whiteboard/mural and play Simon Says with them. Create some directions like: Simon Says, Point where we would find surface water. Where would we find groundwater? Point to who uses surface water? Simon Says, Point to who uses groundwater? As a student "misses," have another student come up. Play for 5 minutes. **(Application: Hands on and Promotes engagement)**  
**(Integrated Processes: Listening)**

### Explain:

g. Now replay the video about the conservation tips or just pass out the conservation cards to groups of three students. Read the cards to the students. Have students add to the original 2 columns (on the whiteboard) any new ideas that they did not think of originally. Number the ideas in each column.

**(Application: Hands on and Promotes engagement)**

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h. Each group of three will be given the task of looking at the whiteboard and creating a tally chart or pictogram from the data. Model how to tally or create a pictogram for the first couple of items in the columns. Then ask the groups to generate 2 or more questions about the data and its answer.

Examples might be:

- Which column has more pieces of data than the other column?
- How many total ideas do we have for Home/School and Outdoors water usage?
- If we subtract our pictographs, which category has more ideas? **(Group Option: Small group, Application: Engaging, Scaffolding: Modeling)**

i. Allow time to work. Have students share out their problems and their answers.

### Evaluate:

j. Have groups of three take turns in reading or using the pictures as clues to explaining each of the water conservation cards. If no one in the group can explain/read the card, they are expected to seek help from the teacher. **(Application: Hands On, Meaningful, Promotes Engagement; Integrated Processes: Reading, Listening)**

k. Explain to the students that tomorrow they will be making a class book. They will be sharing this book with their families and others. Collect up the Conservation Cards.

### Session Two

a. Review from yesterday the whiteboard list of ways to save water. **(Preparation: Linking to Past Learning)**

b. Explain that today they will be selecting one of the ways on the board and doing a writing assignment. Distribute the Water Saving Classbook Template and art supplies. Model one way that you will save water by filling in the sentence frame and by drawing an illustration. Share how the assignment will be graded with the Scoring Guide. **(Scaffolding: Modeling)**

c. Have students work independently on their assignment. For students needing additional help, give them the Conservation Cards to choose from and complete their sentence and illustration.

### (Assessment: Individual, Integrated Processes: Writing, Scaffolding, Comprehensible Input)

d. Have a student who finishes early, create a cover for the classbook. Assemble the writings into a classbook. Share with parents and students.

## Assessment

The writing assignment can be graded according to the Scoring Guide. Mastery will be 15 points or higher on the Scoring Guide.

Give the Water Saving Pretest as a post test. Mastery will be considered 8 out of 10 correct answers.

Cut the Vocabulary Cards so the image is separate from the definition. Have students will match the correct image to its definition. Mastery will be considered 100%.

## Extensions

Add a couple of pages to the back of the book. Have students take the classbook home and share it with their parents. After the parents have seen the book, they will sign the back page(s) and add their commitment to saving water.

Create a checklist of the water saving tips and have students conduct an inventory at their homes. The categories can be All the Time, Some of the Time, and Never. The students can then make word problems out of the data they have collected.

## Sources

### H2O for Kids YouTube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HVGdPX62q5w&feature=youtu.be>

### 110+ Ways to Conserve Water

<http://wateruseitwisely.com/100-ways-to-consume/>