



## Did you know that...

**safe, clean water is necessary for life and health** and should be guaranteed and protected for all people in a fair and equal way.

## Some facts about my country

There are **5.4 million people** living in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, including over 900 thousand Palestinian refugees. Jordan is a stable and relatively prosperous country.

However, **400 thousand people (seven per cent of the population)** live on less than two dollars a day and are food insecure.

**Jordan is in the top ten of the most water-scarce countries** with a dry climate and few rivers. The country depends heavily on rainfall, 92 per cent of which evaporates.

**Two-thirds of Jordan's water** goes to irrigation of crops.

**An average Jordanian uses 85 litres of water a day**, an Australian uses 440 litres a day and an American - about 600 litres a day.

**Jordan deals with its water shortage by rationing water year round**, rehabilitating ancient cisterns, drip-irrigating, treating wastewater, installing water saving devices and rooftop tanks, as well as educating the public on water issues.

**Education is a priority in the country**, with an increasing number of girls in school. Nine out of ten children go to elementary school.



## Read my story to find out...

**Why** everyone needs clean water for good food and health.

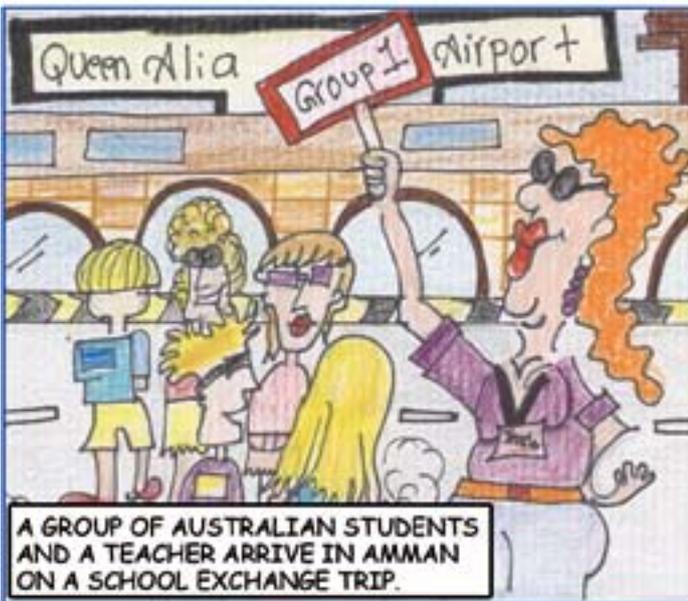
**How** we can save water in our houses, gardens and farms.

**What** we did to help people have enough safe drinking water.

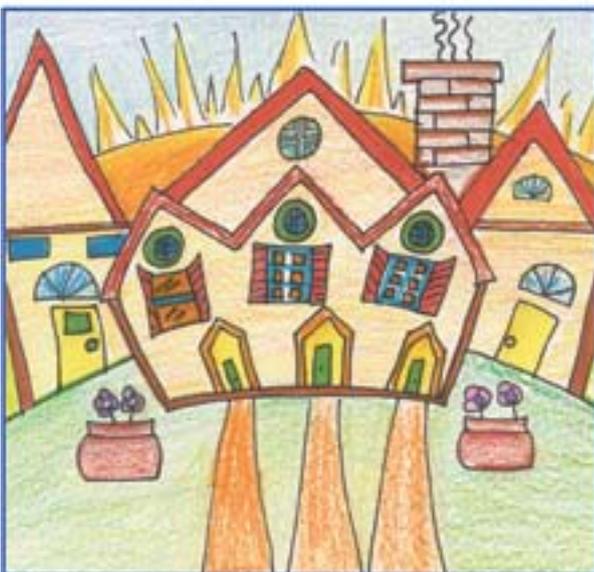
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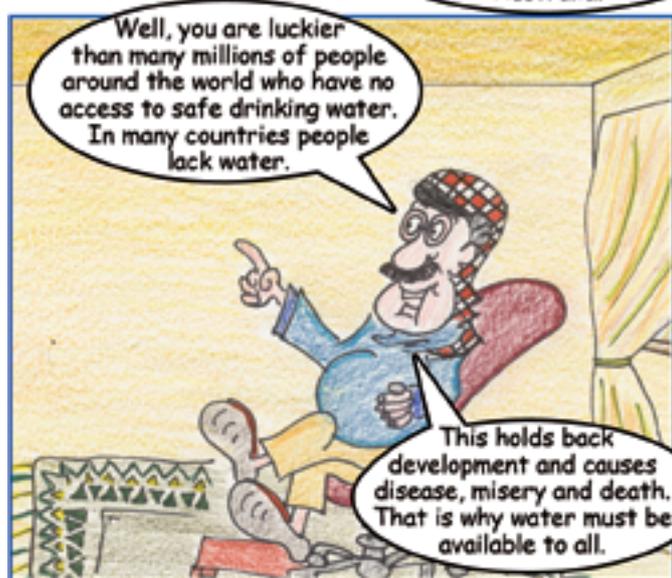
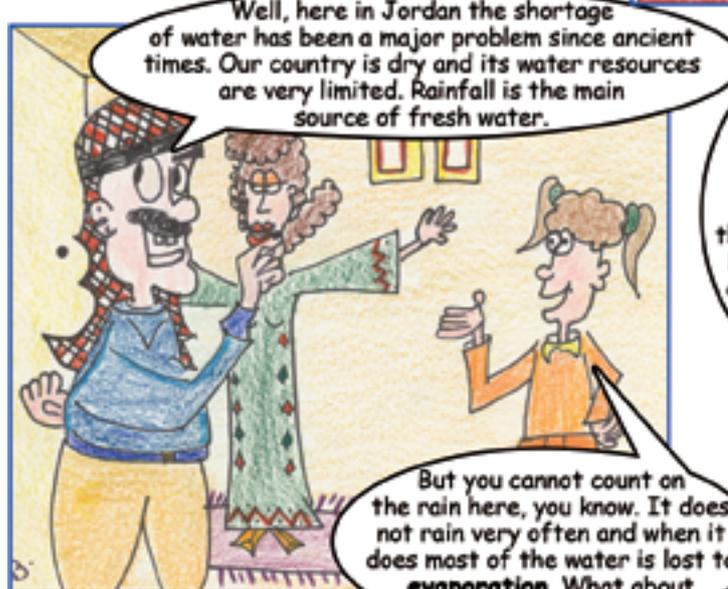
A PLANE LANDS AT THE AIRPORT IN JORDAN.



A GROUP OF AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS AND A TEACHER ARRIVE IN AMMAN ON A SCHOOL EXCHANGE TRIP.



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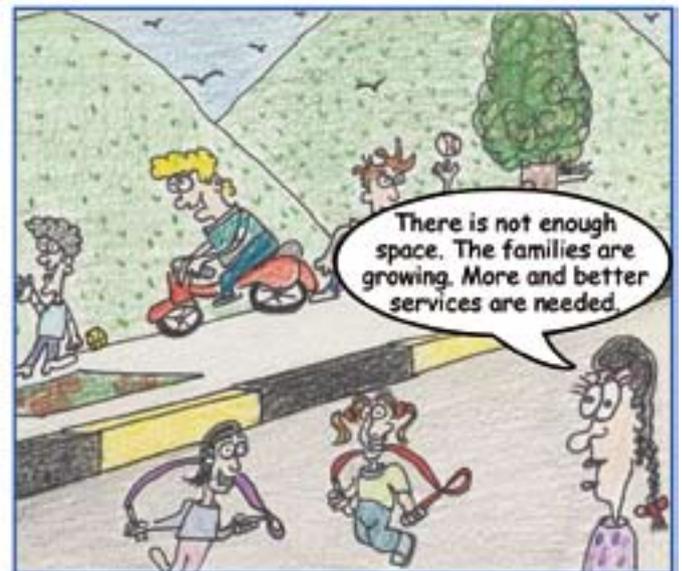
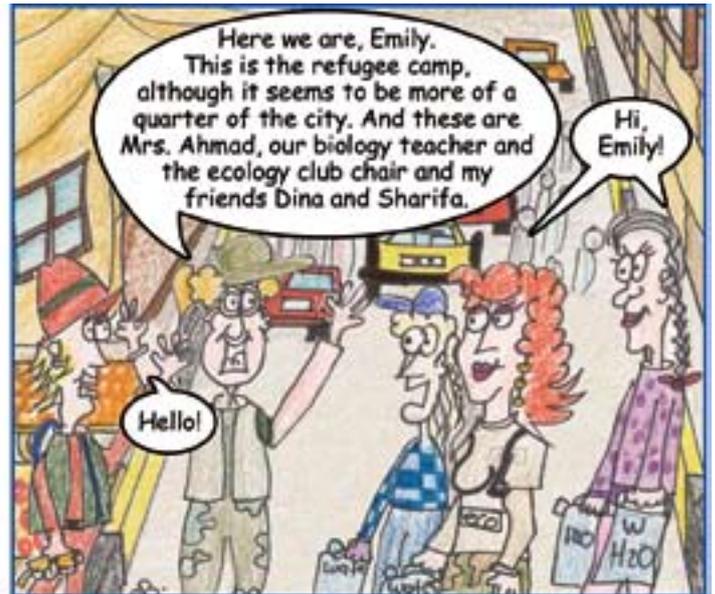


**ration:** to give out limited amounts of food or water when there is not much available

**evaporation:** the process of water changing into a gas

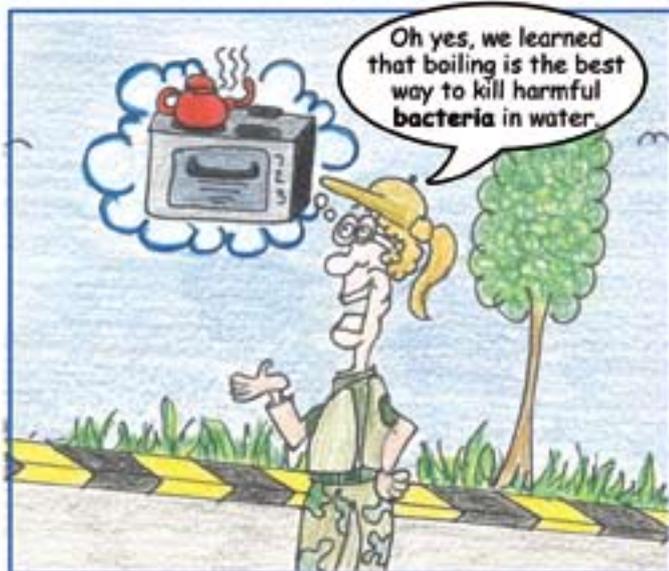
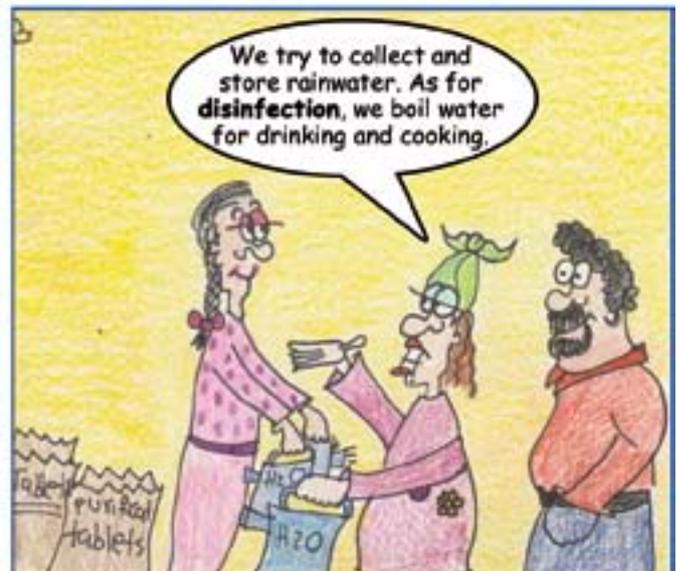
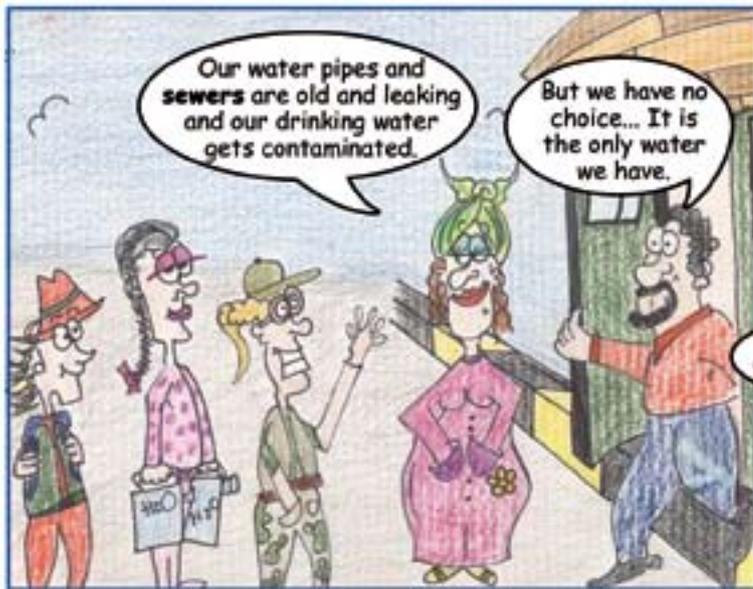
**refugee:** a person forced to leave home to seek safety or protection in another country

**purification tablet:** a tablet added to water to make it safe to drink



**contaminate:** to make something unclean or unsafe

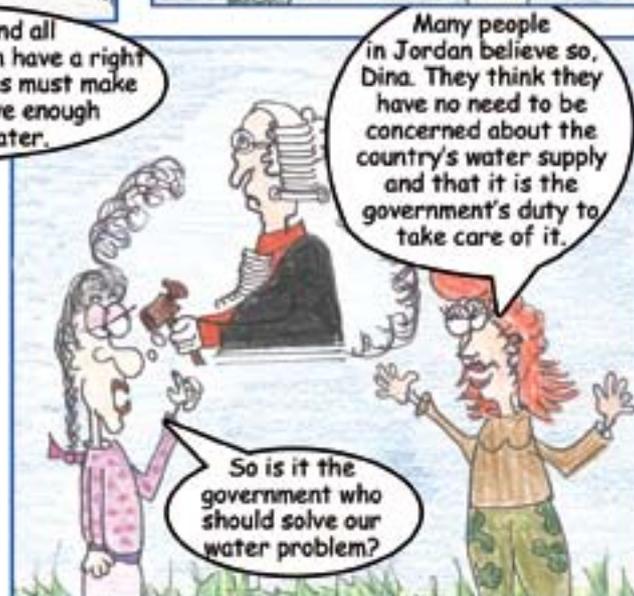
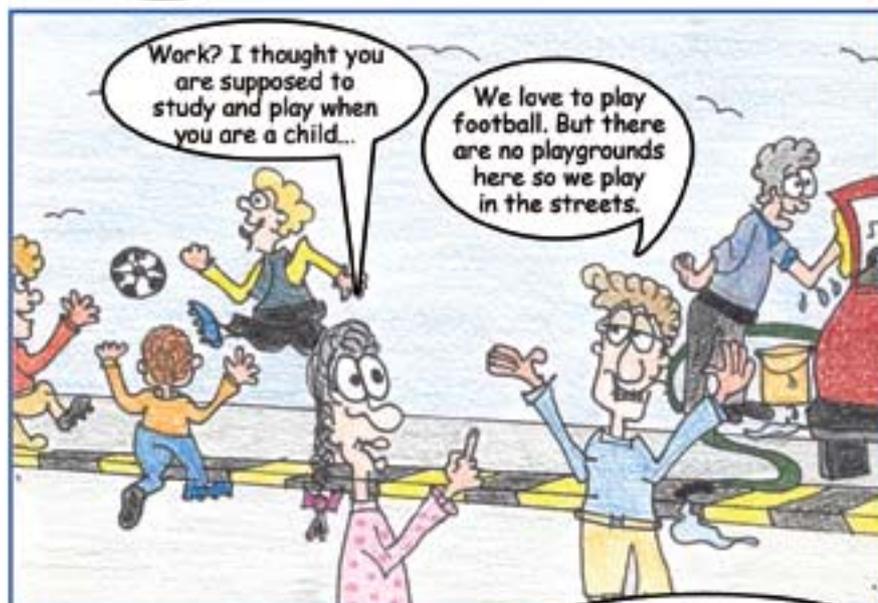
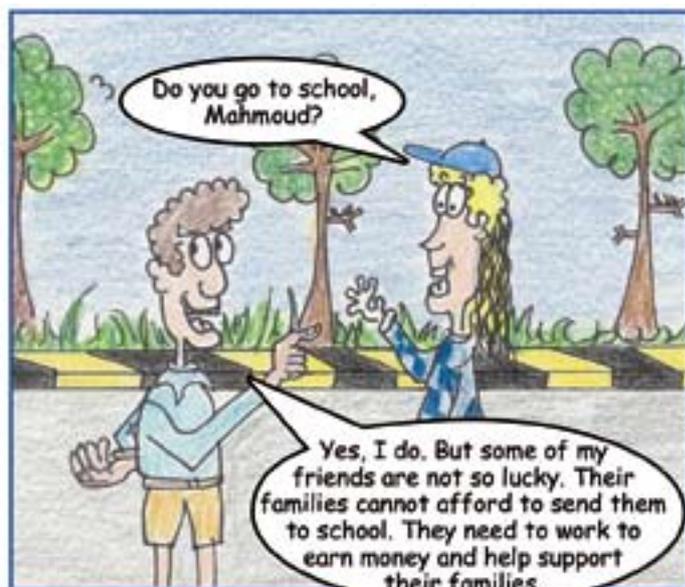
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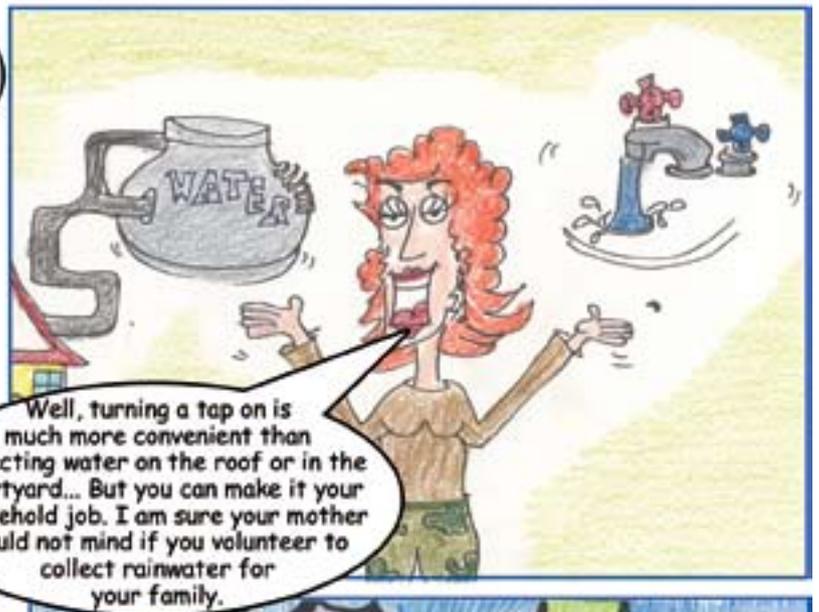
**sewer:** a pipe that carries away wastewater

**disinfection:** water treatment which destroys harmful bacteria

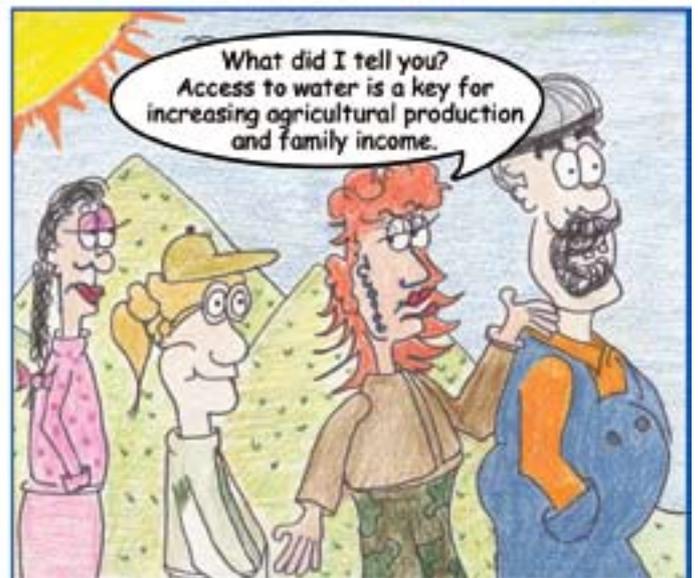
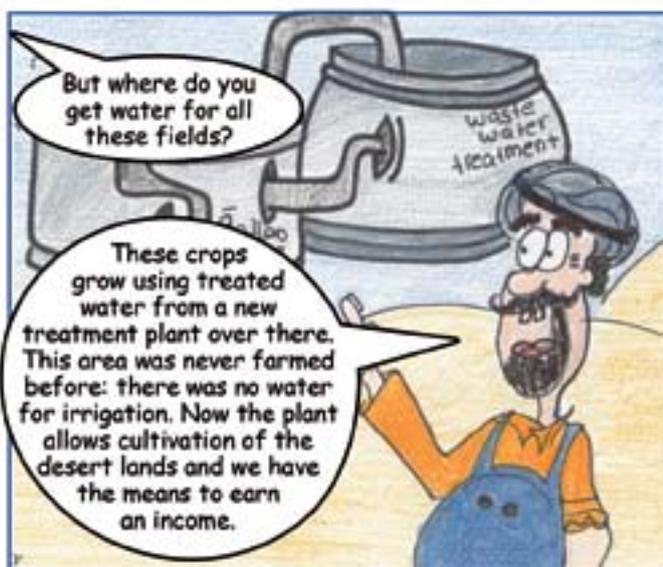
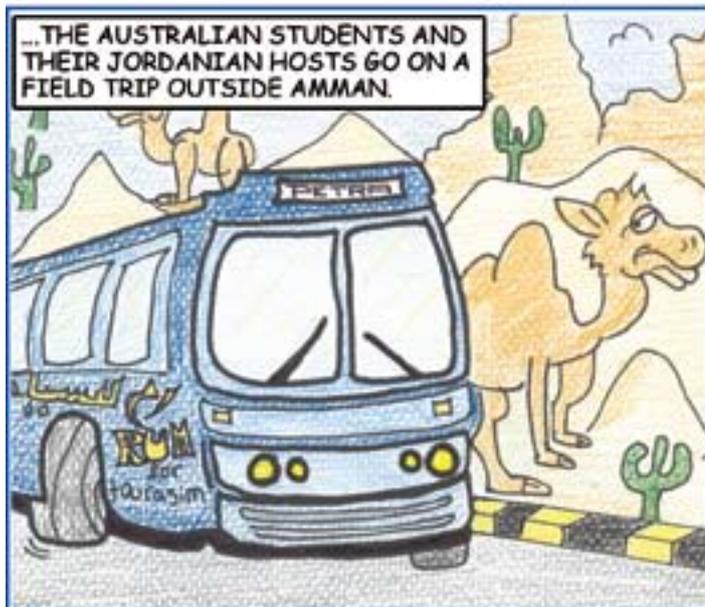
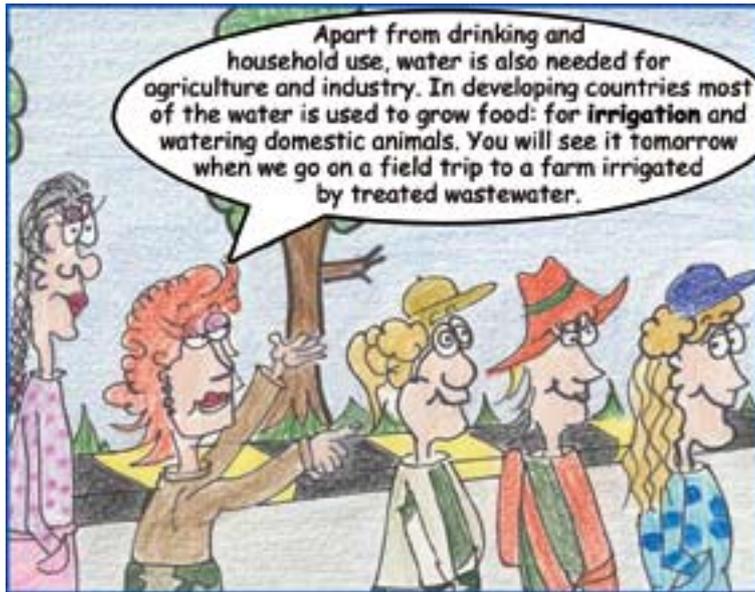
**bacteria:** tiny living things that are not seen but can cause diseases



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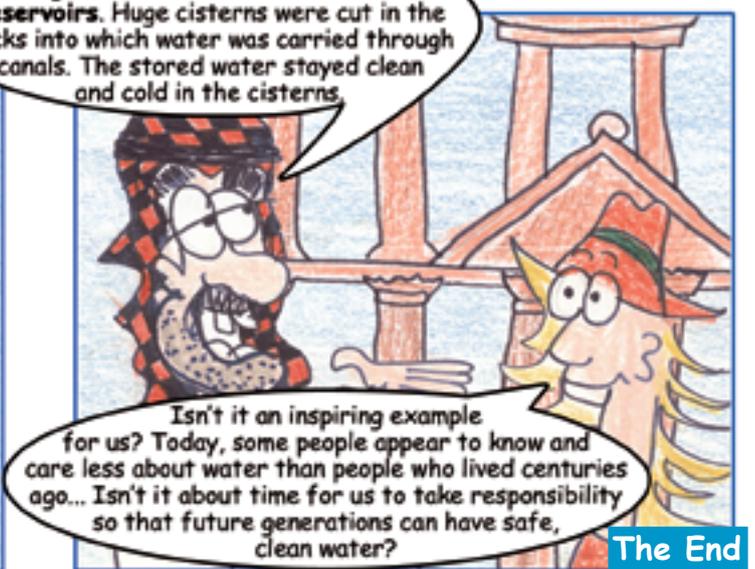
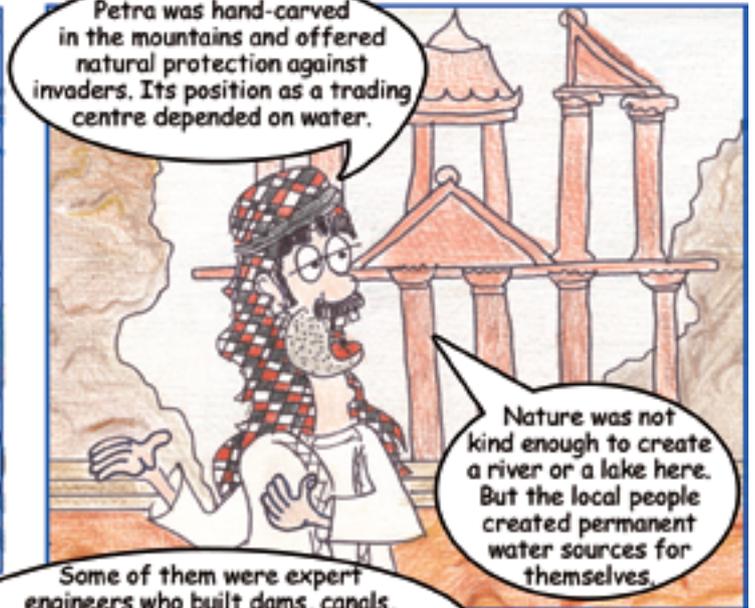
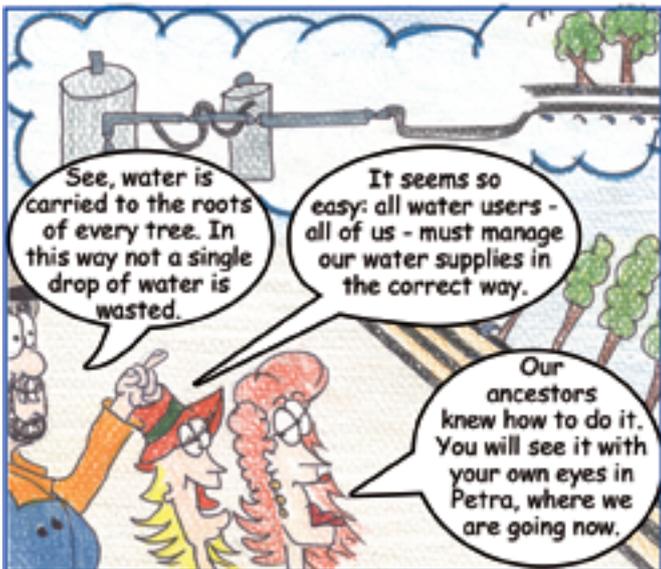
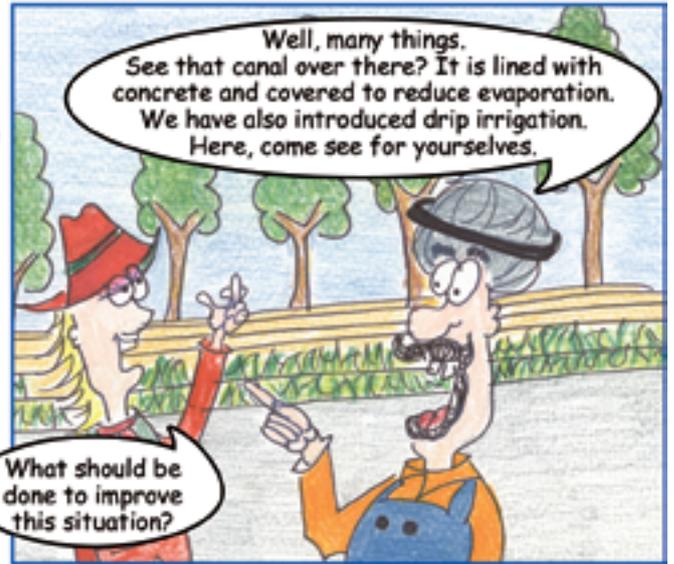
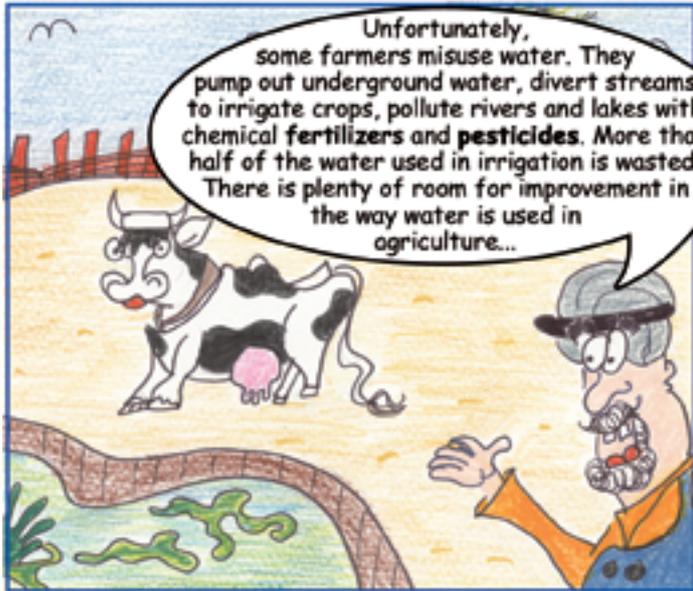


**pollute:** to release harmful substances into the environment  
**cistern:** a container used to catch and store rainwater



**irrigation:** supply of water to dry land using pumps and trenches

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The End

**fertilizer:** a substance added to soil to make it better for growing plants

**pesticide:** chemical substance used to kill insects that harm plants

**reservoir:** a lake, pond, or basin used to store water

So, what do YOU think?



## Have you thought about...



**how** daily life changes when there is little clean water?

**how** Mahmoud's life is different from Fatima's and Emily's?

**what** Mahmoud's father meant when he said: "But only if everyone uses water wisely will we be able to make a change."?

## Is it fair that...

**poor communities** do not have enough safe, clean water?

**some people and industries** use water in wasteful ways?



## Everyone can do something

**Make a water use plan** for your family or school and put it into action.