

# Model response: 'William Walter wastes water'



William wasted water.

His favourite thing in the whole wide world was to turn on the hose and play in the yard.



He made impressive statues.

He whirled like a sprinkler.

He created raindrops which splattered on the driveway and made the dog run for cover.

'Will—i—am ...'



'William! Are you wasting water again?' his mother would call.

'Just watering the plants,' William would call right back.



One day, his dad took the hoses away. No more statues, or sprinklers, or water games for William.

The weather man had been talking about water restrictions and had shown lots of graphs, which looked like this.



William's Dad had gone, 'Hmmm,' and installed a massive water tank to catch rainwater. He tapped against the side to make it go 'bong'. 'It's slowly filling up, William,' he said.

'What does drought mean?' William asked his big sister Eva. She was doing a project on water conservation. Eva was always working to save the world.

Eva explained to William that the weather went through wet cycles and dry cycles. Sometimes countries did not get enough rainfall for months or years. Creeks and rivers dried up. People, animals and plants suffered.

William wondered about the world in his backyard. He imagined the drought drying up his paddling pool, the flower beds and his mother's vegie patch.

He then imagined how animals, and birds and other people would cope if there wasn't even enough water to drink, let alone play with.



'What can we do?' he asked Eva.

'Hmm ...' Eva thought. 'I know! You can become waterwise,' she announced.

William learned how to be waterwise in his own house.

He turned off the tap when he brushed his teeth.



He took two-minute showers instead of oceanic baths.

He used his watering can to make rain for the vegie patch instead of wetting the driveway with the hose.

'William Walter, you are completely waterwise,' said Eva proudly. She took lots of photos of William for her school project.

William and Eva showed everyone in his class how to be waterwise. His teacher was impressed. She gave him a 'Well done' elephant stamp for his morning talk.



## Are you waterwise?



I turn off the tap when cleaning my teeth.



I take short showers instead of baths.



I use buckets and watering cans to water plants and wash cars.



I help to fix dripping taps.

take showers  
turn off the tap  
use watering can

