Chapter 7 – Water – A precious gift

Word Bank

1. water
2. precious
3. different
4. ground
5. soaked
6. stream
7. hand pump
8. water cycle
9. copper
10. vessel
11. plastic
12. materials
13. utensils
14. pebbles
15. sanitation

Words to Know

1. resource - something useful to us (like water, air and soil).
2. precious - very valuable or important.
3. conservation - saving and using carefully, without wasting.
4. scarcity - when there is less or not enough of something.
5. water pollution - making water dirty and unsafe.
6. recycle - to use again after cleaning or treating.
7. reservoir - a large tank, lake, or dam where water is stored
8. rainwater harvesting - collecting rainwater for use.

Question – Answers

Q1. Where do you get water from?
Ans 1. We get water from various sources such as borewells, hand pumps, rivers, wells and ponds.

Q2. List all the activities for which we need water
Ans. We need water for drinking, cooking, washing dishes, bathing, watering plants, cleaning our homes and for animals to drink.

Q3. How did your grandparent store water?
Ans. My grandparents used traditional methods like clay pots or other containers made of copper or brass to store water.

Q4. Write the names of different vessels used to keep water in your house nowadays.
Ans. The names of different vessels used to keep water are buckets, clay pots, jugs and bottles.

Q5. Are the older vessels different from the vessels we use now?

Ans. Yes, some of them were different as in older times, people did not use plastic containers. Most of the people used vessels made from different materials or clay.

Q6. How many mugs of water do you need to brush your teeth and to take shower?
Ans. I need about two mugs of water to brush my teeth. For a shower I use about ten mugs of water to take shower.

Q7. Write of names of different vessels used for storing water.
Ans. Lota and Surahi.

Q8. Write the names of the birds and insects that come to drink water from your bird bath.

Ans. The birds and insects that come to drink water from your bird bath could include birds like sparrows, crows and pigeons or insects like butterflies or bees.

Q9. Write two ways to take care of bird bath.
Ans. Change the water frequently. Clean the bird bath with a scrubber twice a week.

Value Based Questions

Q1 Water is very precious. We should be cautious about how we use it. We should not waste even a drop of water. How is water being wasted? Write three ways to reduce water wastage.

Ans. Water is being wasted in following ways.

- Leaving taps running,
- using too much water for gardening,
- or throwing trash in rivers.

Three ways to reduce water wastage are:

- Turing off taps tightly after use,
- using a watering can instead of a hose for plants,
- or not littering near water sources.