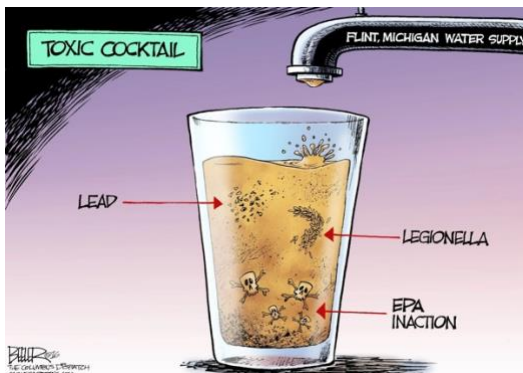


WATER-RELATED CRISES

1- INTRODUCTION

a) Look at the cartoons and write a few sentences about the water-related issues they refer to.



>> Can you think of other water-related crises?

b) Which water-related news story has caught your attention recently?

c) Which issue(s) involving water are you most concerned (=worried) about?

d) What possibilities/ prospects involving water are you most excited about?

2- WATER IN THE NEWS

a) Look at the following headlines and try to image what the news stories are about. What wider environmental issues do they refer to?

- Use the following **MODALS** to make assumptions (faire des hypothèses):

The news story **could / may / might be** about ...

It **must refer** to ...

It **must have been published** (last week, at the beginning of the summer...) > if you refer to the past

- Use the following **VERBS / EXPRESSIONS**:

I guess ... My guess is ...

I suppose / I imagine / I suspect / I reckon / I assume / I presume ...

As far as I know, ...

In all likelihood, this story refers to ...

The headline probably refers to

I haven't got a clue (what this story is about)

- **Environmental impact of bottled water 'up to 3,500 times greater than tap water'**

- **'Catastrophic' California oil spill kills fish, damages wetlands**

- **New York City flood: Why Hurricane Ida hit the city so hard**

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b) Now, read the articles/ watch the videos and check your assumptions.

Chose 2 stories and write a short summary of the articles/video clips (*when? Where? What? Why? consequences or solutions, etc.*)

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c) Which issue is the most concerning, in your opinion?

3- Do you think these headlines could come true one day? Justify your answer.

Use the expressions/structures on the right >>

1. Europe and China go to war over water rights
2. Car washing using water to be banned worldwide
3. Water pipeline from Mars opens tomorrow
4. Ninety percent of Earth's water now hazardous* to drink
5. Man receives 20 years in prison for forging water ration vouchers**
6. There is no water shortage – conspiracy theory unveiled

- **MODALS : may / might / could + verb**

We may see the day when ...

- **Probability expressions :**

It is (highly) likely that

I am pretty certain ...

I wouldn't be surprised to learn that / I wouldn't be surprised if ...

It is (highly) unlikely that...

I am not so sure about that

I (very much doubt) doubt this will ever happen

**unsafe - **falsifying ration tickets*

· **TO GO FURTHER ON WATER CRISES WORLDWIDE**

<https://www.watereducation.org/topic-list-water-issues>

<https://www.un.org/en/global-issues/water>

- Experts name the top 19 solutions to the global freshwater crisis

<https://www.circleofblue.org/2010/world/experts-name-the-top-19-solutions-to-the-global-freshwater-crisis/>

· **WATER VOCABULARY**

> Make a list of all the words related to water you have learnt in this file

> Check their meaning **and pronunciation** with [the Cambridge dictionary online](#).

> If you need their translation, use www.wordreference.com

> Start your own list of water-related vocabulary. You may start [with this list](#).