

Sources of Water

Chapter 2: Water and Its Uses · Topic 1

Key Concept

Natural sources of water include rivers, lakes, ponds, and rain, which collect on the Earth's surface or fall from the sky.

Groundwater sources, like wells and borewells, bring up water stored underground, which people access by digging deep into the earth.

Before we drink water from these sources, it often needs to be cleaned and treated to remove dirt and germs, making it safe to drink.

Knowing where our water comes from helps us understand why we should not waste or pollute water sources, since clean water is important for everyone's health.

Quick Revision Notes

- Natural water sources include rivers, lakes, ponds and rain.
- Groundwater is stored underground and reached through wells.
- Water needs cleaning before it's safe to drink.
- We should not waste or pollute water sources.
- Clean water is important for everyone's health.
- Rain is a natural source of fresh water.
- Wells and borewells access groundwater.
- Water treatment removes dirt and germs.

Practice Questions

- 1 Name three sources of water you know.
- 2 Ask your family where your home's water comes from.
- 3 Discuss why water should not be wasted.
- 4 Draw a picture of a river or well.
- 5 Explain why we should not pollute water sources.
- 6 Find out if your area uses well water or river water.