



The water crisis

GLOSSARY:

The water crisis: la crise de l'eau	Countries : des pays
To guess : deviner	Rivers : des rivières
To hear/heard/heard : entendre	Water reserves : des réserves en eau
To fly: voler	Rainwater: l'eau de pluie
To triple: tripler	The stark truth: la cruelle vérité
To take something for granted: prendre quelque chose pour un dû	Fresh water: l'eau douce
To supply: approvisionner, satisfaire les besoins	The surface of the planet : la surface de la planète
To gain : gagner	97 percent : 97 pour cent, 97%
To shrink : rétrécir, diminuer	Climate change : Le changement climatique
To dwindle : diminuer, réduire	Thirsty times ahead : des périodes de soif dans le futur
To harvest : récolter, récupérer	Pigs will fly : les cochons voleront = les poules auront des dents
To waste : gaspiller	In much of the world : dans beaucoup d'endroits du monde
To mismanage : mal gérer	Enough water : assez d'eau
To pollute : polluer	Unevenly : inégalement
To distribute : distribuer, répartir	Desperately : désespérément, cruellement
To need : nécessiter	Two-thirds : deux tiers
To be short : manquer	Undrinkable : non potable
To threaten : menacer	Constantly : constamment
To herald : annoncer, proclamer	
A serious fact : un fait grave, sérieux	
The world : le monde	
The water use : la consommation d'eau	
An ever-increasing population : une population qui ne cesse de s'accroître	
Desalinisation : la désalinisation	



Popularity : la popularité	
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Dialogue:

Sarah: Wentworth, guess what I heard today!

W: I don't know, maybe pigs are flying?

Sarah: ha-ha! No! It's a serious fact which says that world water use is expected to triple in the next fifty years.

W: People have always taken water for granted. But where is the water going to come from to supply an ever-increasing world population?

Sarah: well, desalinisation is gaining popularity in countries with shrinking rivers and dwindling water reserves. As well as harvesting rainwater.

W: I agree but the stark truth is that in much of the world there isn't enough water, and where there is, it is being wasted, mismanaged, and polluted. Moreover, fresh water is unevenly distributed. Some countries have more than they need, while others are desperately short.

Sarah: Yes, and not to forget that the surface of the planet is two-thirds water, but 97 percent of it is undrinkable.

W: Exactly. And most of the fresh water is constantly threatened with humans' pollution.

Sarah: Climate change heralds thirsty times ahead for most of the world's population then...