

## Saving Water

This year, it hasn't rained very much in many places in Taiwan.

So far this year in Kaohsiung, it only rained a couple of times...and only for a short time.

No rain means no water! Taiwan has to start saving water!

今年雨水太少，缺水問題嚴重，要節約用水。

But... how can we do that? Stop taking a shower? Stop brushing your teeth? (laughs) Of course not! That's silly.

But there are some things we can do. When you wash your hands... you can turn off the water while you scrub with soap... then turn the water back on.

省水的辦法很多，比如洗手要在洗肥皂後，再開水龍頭沖水。

Same with washing dishes. Turn the water on, get the dishes wet... turn the water off... scrub the dishes... then turn the water back on and rinse them off.

洗碗也不要一直開著水龍頭，等要沖的時候再開。

And actually, many people take too long in the shower.

Try this: The next time you take a shower... use a clock or a timer. How long was your shower? 10 minutes? 15 minutes? That's too long!

很多人花十分鐘或十五分鐘洗澡，太久了！

If you can, try to keep your shower to about 5 minutes!

你洗澡需要多久呢？下次試試看只花五分鐘就好。

Yeah, I know... 5 minutes is not a long time... but we can try, right?

If everyone tries to save even a little water... that can make a big difference.

每個人都節省一點點，就可以省下很多水！

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## Vocabulary

It's very important to save water when there's not enough rain.

### 1. Save 節省。

I'm saving money for my trip to London. 我正在為倫敦之行省錢。

But you can't go to London or anywhere this year. 但是你今年沒辦法去倫敦或任何地方。

That's okay. I can save more money. 沒關係，那我可以省更多錢。

### 2. Take a shower 淋浴。

There's a shower room on the beach. 海灘就有淋浴間。

Great ! I'll take a shower after a swim in the sea. 真好。我在海裡游過泳就會去沖澡。

### 3. Turn off 關掉。

Would you turn off your cell phone? 你可以關掉手機嗎？

The light is too bright.那個光太亮了。

Sorry, but my cell phone can't be turned off.抱歉，可是我的手機不能關機。

### 4. Turn on 打開。

Let me help you turn it off. 讓我幫你把它關掉。

No! I won't be able to turn it on! 不行，我沒辦法把它打開。Would you read with me?

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## Quiz

1. What is one way to save water?

A: Stop brushing your teeth!

B: Stop taking really long showers!

C: Stop eating ice-cream!

2. How long should your shower be?

A: About 5 minutes is the best!

B: About 3 seconds!

C: Maybe 1 or 2 hours

3. Why is there no water in some places in Taiwan now?

A: Because people drink too much water

B: Because it has not rained

C: Because Kaohsiung has all the water

## Answers

1: B 2: A 3: B