

Water Riddles

1. I make up 70% of the Earth, but only 3% of me is fresh, 1 in 6 people don't have enough of me, some claim it's a human right, and others claim it for profit. What am I? [water]
2. One quarter of a litre of me is needed to make 1 litre of bottled water. What am I? [Oil]
3. It can take up to 1000 years for me to break down. What am I? [A plastic bottle]
4. Sales of bottled water are increasing in my part of the world. Where am I? [Global South]
5. I am the 2nd largest market for bottled water in Asia. Where am I? [Indonesia]
6. As water, this much of me is transferred from country to country each year. What am I? [22 million tons]
7. This percentage of disposed plastic bottles will end up in landfill sites or burn in incinerators, releasing toxins each year. What percentage am I? [80]
8. Large amounts of energy and fossil fuels are wasted to produce, transport and dispose of plastic bottles. I am exhausted with the depletion of my natural resources. What am I? [Environment]
9. 17.2% of my fellow country folk drink exclusively bottled water. What country am I from? [Canada]
10. I am tested more frequently, I am virtually free, and research has shown samples of me to have lower rates of bacteria than bottled water samples. What am I? [Canadian tap water]
11. You can't eat or drink me, but it's hard to eat or drink without me. I talk without saying a word. I make people smile or suffer, but I have no personality. Some make lots of me, while others have little or none. Most people are happy to hold me, but I don't feel a thing. What am I? [Money]
12. In most municipalities, this percentage of plastic water bottles in Canada is recycled. What percentage am I? [50]
13. As water, this much of me is needed to produce a one-litre bottle of water. What am I? [3 Litres]
14. We are major players in the bottled water business who acquired over half of the 2nd largest bottled water company in Indonesia. What am I? [Nestle and Coca-Cola]
15. People in the U.S. purchase more than half a billion of me per week, enough to circle the globe 5 times over. It costs 2000 times more to purchase me than what I would be free. What am I? [Bottled water]