HOW MUCH WATER DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE YOUR FAVORITE FOODS? *Teacher's notes*



Activity:

'Food-water' quiz focusing on the 'hidden' water in well known food and other products. Introduces the idea of a 'water footprint'.

Time:

10 minutes for the quiz where children are asked to chose which one of a pair of objects uses less water in its production. 'Production' includes all water from growing the original crops and/or rearing livestock, to water used in factory production. In some cases, the water used to produce packaging is also included.

Curriculum links for KS2:

Science – explore examples of human impact on environments; Physical geography – expands on the understanding of the water cycle; Human geography – distribution of natural resources including water Expansion:

- Use the data given here and, in the resources below, to work out the water content of a meal at home or school [maths].
- Use examples such as that of the Aral Sea to discuss the impact of human activity on the water cycle and implications for local populations [geography, citizenship].
- Discuss the ethics of water that is traded across countries (in the form of products that are exported) [geography, citizenship]

To see the water footprints of other common products visit: <u>http://waterfootprint.org/en</u>

For a range of free teaching resources and games on the water footprint of everyday products:

https://waterfootprint.org/en/resources/multi-media/#CP6

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