**Actuele lesbrief Engels – Water Wise**

**Voor de docent**

De aanhoudende droogte in combinatie met de bijzondere situatie waarin we ons bevinden heeft ook Engeland gevolgen voor de beschikbaarheid van water. De tekst geeft een situatieschets.

**ERK-niveau**

Lezen B1 – *Lezen om informatie op te doen: Kan belangrijke feitelijke informatie begrijpen in korte verslagen en artikelen. (LEB1-3a )*

Leesstrategieën - *Kan de betekenis van zo nu en dan voorkomende onbekende woorden afleiden uit de context en de betekenis van zinnen herleiden, op voorwaarde dat het besproken onderwerp bekend is.*

**Intro**

Water shortage is an increasingly serious problem. It has started to pop up in the news more often.

Assignment 1

Read the assignment and write down the answers in English. You may use English-language Internet sources to help you.

a Make a list of words related to water.

b The Midlands is a part of England. It is made up of two regions: the West Midlands and East Midlands. Find these regions on a map. Make a print or screenshot and mark the Midlands on it.

**Water Wise**

The Midlands is the central part of England. These days, people living in the Midlands are struggling with a shortage of water.

Read all about it [here](https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-england-birmingham-52875417).

Assignment 2

Read the text. Connect the words and expressions that have the same meaning in the text.

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| 1. demand | 1. drops of water from clouds |
| 1. surge | 1. a force that makes a flow of water strong or weak |
| 1. supplier | 1. to have difficulties doing or using something |
| 1. reservoirs | 1. to increase |
| 1. sprinklers | 1. *kraan* |
| 1. water pressure | 1. a little object with many small holes that is used to spray water on plants or soil |
| 1. rainfall | 1. a person or company that supplies goods or services |
| 1. spokesman | 1. a sudden, large increase |
| 1. to ramp up | 1. to stop using something |
| 1. to ditch | 1. someone who speaks for or represents a company |
| 1. hygiene | 1. special lakes that are used to store a large supply of water for use in cities or other areas |
| 1. to struggle | 1. water in bottles |
| 1. tap | 1. the things that you do to keep yourself and your surroundings clean |
| 1. to run out of something | 1. the total amount of something which people want to buy and use |
| 1. bottled water | 1. to use up all there is of something |

Assignment 3

a Which extra factors have made the water shortage in the Midlands worse?   
Select all the correct answers.

1 empty reservoirs

2 lockdown

3 slow pumps

4 surge in demand

5 warm weather

b How many homes in the Midlands have been left without water?

1 30

2 5 or 6

3 About 2000

4 Almost 85%

c Why has the Aldi store run out of bottled water?

1 Everyone is buying it because the water from the tap is not sterilised.

2 Many people are buying it because no water is coming from the tap.

3 The supplier does not have enough material to pump the water out.

4 There is not enough water in the reservoirs to fill the bottles.