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Grade 3: Lesson 18 The Water in the Well

One Well: The Story of Water on Earth

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The Water in the Well

We live on a watery planet. Almost 70 percent of Earth’s surface is covered with water. This surface water is found in oceans, lakes, rivers, streams, marshes, even in puddles and the morning dew. There is so much water that if you looked down at Earth from space, it would appear blue.

But there is also water we can’t see, beneath the Earth’s surface. This “groundwater” can be found just about everywhere—it fills the cracks in rocks and the spaces between rocks, grains of sand and soil. Most groundwater is close to the Earth’s surface, but some of it is buried quite deep. Water is also frozen in glaciers and polar icecaps. And there is water in the atmosphere.

Every one of these water sources feeds Earth’s One Well.

WHERE IS THE WATER ON EARTH?

Oceans	97.23 percent
Icecaps and glaciers	2.14 percent
Groundwater	.61 percent
Freshwater lakes	.009 percent
Inland saltwater seas	.008 percent
Moisture in the soil	.005 percent
Water in the atmosphere	.001 percent
Rivers	.0001 percent

Yes, there is more water in the atmosphere and soil than in all of Earth’s rivers.

Note Catcher

Vocabulary Word	Definition	What I know Or How I figured it out
marsh		
glacier		
groundwater		

Main Idea and Key Details Graphic Organizer

<p>Main idea of the text:</p>
<p>Key details from the text that help me understand the main idea:</p>

Independent Practice:

Write a paragraph that explains where water is on earth. Use specific facts, definitions, and details you have learned about water to support your writing.

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