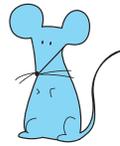
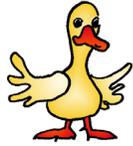


Remembering **Teach a Mouse to Save Water**

1. Who put the timer in the shower? (Circle one)



2. How long should you set the timer for your shower?



1 minute 5 minutes 10 minutes

3. Circle what will be fixed by the water district for **FREE** during a **Water-Wise House Call**?



4. **True** or **False** (Circle one) It is important for everyone to save water.

5. **True** or **False** (Circle one) We should save water every day!

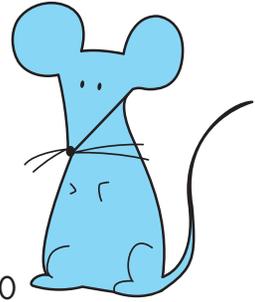
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Reader's Theater

Teach a Mouse to Save Water



PREVIEW: A mouse learns how to save water.

GENRE: humor, poetry

CULTURE: American

THEME: conservation

READERS: 20

READER AGES: 7-10

LENGTH: 8 minutes

ROLES: Narrators, Mouse, Water Inspector, Choir

VOCABULARY AS THEY APPEAR IN THE STORY...

Water Inspector: a water official who checks to ensure water users meet certain regulations and standards

Low-flow shower head: shower head that flows at a rate of 2.0 gallons/minute or less (industry standard is 2.5 gallons/minute)

Aerator: a device to slow the flow of faucets to 1.5 gallons/minute in bathrooms and 2.2 gallons/minute in the kitchen

Faucet: A device for regulating the flow of water

Flapper: a plug for the toilet located in the tank; when pulled, it releases water to cleanse the bowl.

Gem: an idea as precious as a piece of jewelry

Timer: a device for measuring elapsed time

Appliances: washer, dryer and dishwasher

Native Plants: plants originating in a particular place

Mulch: protective covering spread to reduce evaporation and soil erosion

Non-native Plants: plants brought into an area by humans

Thrive: grow or develop well

Waterwise plan: a series of steps to be carried out promoting water efficiency and conservation

WaterWise House Call: visit by water district personnel to check for leaks, replace old showerheads and flappers in leaking toilets, install aerators on all faucets and check sprinklers for flow and leaks

Teach a Mouse to Save Water

By Kathy Machado

Narrator 1: If you teach a mouse to save water...

Narrator 2: First he will tell you he already saves.

Mouse: "I turn off the water whenever I shave.

I take short showers; I stop every leak.

To see me save water, come take a peek!"



Chorus: HOORAY! The mouse saves water every day!

Narrator 3: Then... he'll want a water inspector to come to his house...

Narrator 4: Who'll check everything after meeting this mouse.

Narrator 5: A low-flow showerhead they'll both install.

Narrator 6: Put aerators on faucets; that is not all.

Narrator 7: Open the tank on the toilet and replace the flapper.

Narrator 8: The mouse will even help take off the wrapper.

Chorus: HOORAY! The mouse saves water every day!

Narrator 9: The Inspector has more suggestions for him.

Narrator 10: The mouse likes to listen; each one is a gem!

Inspector: "Take a five-minute shower; I do request.

A timer may help you to do your best."

Narrator 11: The Inspector will check the washer and dryer.

Narrator 12: Energy star is what he'll require.

Narrator 13: The mouse might have to go to a store...

Narrator 14: To buy new appliances; these he'll adore.

Narrator 15: Then the water heater the mouse will help check.

Narrator 16: If it is leaking he will say....

Mouse: "HECK!"

Narrator 17: He'll have to replace it; it isn't cheap.

Narrator 1: But to save water, no price is too steep!

Chorus: HOORAY! The mouse saves water every day!



Narrator 2: Then out in the garden he finds places to save.

Narrator 3: Native plants aren't so thirsty; they like to behave.

Narrator 4: Mulch in the garden helps quench a plant's thirst.

Narrator 5: He soon finds non-natives are really the worst.

Narrator 6: They need lots of water to stay alive.

Narrator 7: If he makes better choices, his garden will thrive.

Narrator 8: The mouse soon learns that his lawn must go.

Narrator 9: It needs so much water to make it grow.

Narrator 10: He'll replace it with flowers and plenty of rocks...

Narrator 11: A vegetable garden in a large box.

Chorus: HOORAY! The mouse saves water every day!

Narrator 12: Of course the inspector has more to suggest.

Narrator 13: If you want to save water it is a long quest.

Inspector: "Water in the morning before it's too late.

Install a drip system; I think it's first rate.

Driveways and walkways I hope you will sweep.

And cover your pool; I know it's not cheap."

Chorus: HOORAY! The mouse saves water every day!

Narrator 14: Chances are...

Narrator 15: If you teach a mouse to save water,

Narrator 16: He will want to teach...

Narrator 17: Everyone that he meets!

Mouse: "You can save water; I know that it's true.

I plan to save water and so can you!

I find ways to save water every day.

A water-wise plan starts you on your way!"

Chorus: HOORAY! The mouse saves water every day!

ALL: We too can save water. Let's start today!

HOORAY! HOORAY! Let's start today!

