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Not a Drop to Drink

Directions: The article “Water Worries” (page 8) presented some surprising facts about water usage. But they’re just a drop in the bucket. See if you can guess the answers to some other water-related questions in Part 1, and write your response to Part 2.

Part 1

Did you know?

1. How much water does the average American use every day?
 - a) 20–30 gallons
 - b) 40–50 gallons
 - c) 80–100 gallons
 - d) 120–130 gallons
2. Which consumes the most water in the average home, at 5 to 7 gallons per use?
 - a) toilet
 - b) shower
 - c) washing machine
 - d) dishwasher
3. Which states use the most well water?
 - a) Alaska, Iowa, and Maine
 - b) New Hampshire, Oregon, and Texas
 - c) California, Florida, and Michigan
 - d) Colorado, Kansas, and Pennsylvania
4. Which states use the most freshwater from lakes and streams?
 - a) Connecticut, Florida, Michigan, and South Dakota
 - b) Minnesota, Missouri, Tennessee, and Wyoming
 - c) Louisiana, Ohio, South Carolina, and Utah
 - d) California, Idaho, Illinois, and Texas
5. Which states use the most local water (supplied by cities and counties)?
 - a) California, New York, and Texas
 - b) Arkansas, Indiana, and Massachusetts
 - c) Georgia, Hawaii, and New Mexico
 - d) Kentucky, Maryland, and Washington

Part 2

The article mentions installing water-saving fixtures and appliances and gardening with water-conserving plants as two ways to reduce water use. What else would you suggest?
