Bodies of Water: Water All Around Us



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Water is essential for life.

It makes up about 60% of our bodies, and we need it to survive. We use water to drink, to bathe, to cook, and to clean. We also use water to grow food, to generate electricity, and to transport goods.

Water is all around us.

It covers about 71% of the Earth's surface. The oceans are the largest bodies of water on Earth, but there are also lakes, rivers, streams, and ponds. Water is even found in the air we breathe.

The different bodies of water on Earth

The oceans are the largest bodies of water on Earth. They cover about 71% of the Earth's surface and contain about 97% of the Earth's water. The oceans are divided into four major basins: the Pacific Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean, the Indian Ocean, and the Arctic Ocean.

Lakes are smaller than oceans, but they are still large bodies of water. Lakes are usually found in depressions in the land. The largest lake in the world is the Caspian Sea, which is located between Europe and Asia.

Rivers are long, narrow bodies of water that flow from one place to another. Rivers are usually fed by glaciers, snowmelt, or rainfall. The longest river in the world is the Nile River, which flows through northeastern Africa.

Streams are smaller than rivers, and they usually flow into rivers. Streams are often found in mountainous areas.

Ponds are small, shallow bodies of water that are usually found in depressions in the land. Ponds are often fed by rainfall or runoff from surrounding areas.

The importance of water

Water is essential for life. We need it to survive, and we use it for many different purposes. Water is also important for the environment. It helps to regulate the Earth's temperature, and it provides a habitat for many different plants and animals.

How we can protect water

Water is a precious resource, and we need to protect it. We can do this by conserving water, reducing pollution, and restoring damaged ecosystems.

Conserving water means using less of it. We can do this by taking shorter showers, fixing leaky faucets, and watering our lawns less often.

Reducing pollution means keeping our water clean. We can do this by properly disposing of waste, using less fertilizers and pesticides, and driving less.

Restoring damaged ecosystems means fixing the damage that has been done to our water resources. We can do this by planting trees, restoring wetlands, and cleaning up polluted rivers and lakes.

Water is essential for life, and it's all around us. We need to protect this precious resource so that we can continue to enjoy its benefits for generations to come.



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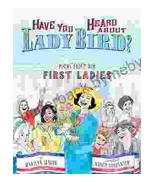
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