

Tutorial

Year 6 of Primary Education: THE HUMAN RIGHT TO WATER

Exercise 1

- What are rights? What are duties?
Write down some examples of the different rights and duties you have.

RIGHTS	DUTIES
Go to school	Study and learn
Have a family	Obey and respect your family
Play	Play with everyone
Participate	Respect other people's opinions
Be protected and looked after	Help those in need
Equality and non-discrimination	Respect all my classmates
Live in a clean and healthy environment	Respect and care for the environment

- The whole class is now going to define what rights and duties are.

Rights: these are rules that protect us against situations that stop us from developing and growing. We should all know our rights because they are closely linked to our responsibilities and to our duties towards others and towards the environment.

Duties: these are the tasks and obligations that each person is required to fulfil. We fulfil them not only for our own good, but also for the good of others.

Exercise 3

- It has not been an easy task to have the human right to water recognised.

Read the following text carefully.
Text "Bolivia and the Water War"

- In Bolivia's case, one of the five words described above was not fulfilled: sufficient, safe, acceptable, accessible and affordable, which one of these words are we referring to?

Affordable, when the then president of Bolivia introduced this measure, water became a luxury item.

The United Nations states that the costs of water and sanitation services should not exceed 5% of the household income, which assumes that these services will not affect people's ability to buy other essential products and services, such as food, housing, health services and education.