

Comparing water access and challenges

Read two water stories from different countries. Fill in the names of the countries you are comparing in the top row of the table. Cut out the water access and challenges statements below or make your own in the bottom row and then place them in the appropriate similarities/ differences columns in the table.

Country	Both countries	Country
Differences	Similarities	Differences

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Engage and understand: Global water perspectives Activity 5

Drinking water is treated and delivered to homes with a piped network.	There is a simple town supply of water such as reservoirs and/or tanks.	There is no water treatment or town supply. People find their own water.
Everyone has access to safe drinking water.	Most people have access to safe drinking water.	Some people have access to safe drinking water.
People are generally careful with using water.	People are generally not very careful with water use.	Clean freshwater is not easy to access.
Clean freshwater is plentiful.	Water stress is high.	Water stress is low.

