

20 Amazing water facts

The 'Old Faithful' geyser in Yellowstone National Park, USA, can spout water 52 metres in the air

71% of the Earth's surface is water

Water is the only substance that exists naturally on Earth in all three physical states of matter – solids, liquid and gas

An elephant can smell water up to 19 kilometres away

60% of household water is used to flush toilets or take baths and showers

We each use between 140 and 175 litres of water a day

Water can dissolve more substances than any other liquid

An iguana can stay underwater for 28 minutes

The hottest sea water is in the Persian Gulf. It is 35 degrees centigrade

A newborn baby is around 75% water

Around 70% of all freshwater on Earth is frozen in huge blocks of ice or glaciers

A kangaroo rat is the animal that can last the longest without drinking water

A seagull can drink saltwater as it has special glands to filter out the salt

The smallest ocean is the Arctic Ocean and the largest is the Pacific Ocean

The longest river in the world is the Nile in Africa. It is 6853 kilometres long

Around 60% of our body is made of water

On average every kilogram of seawater contains around 35 grams of dissolved salt

The highest waterfall is the Angel Falls in Venezuela. It has a total drop of 980 metres

Pure water has no smell and no taste

A person can survive without food for more than 30 days but less than a week without water

