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Natural Resources - Water

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Icecap



Ocean



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2. **Is water pollution a problem in the world?** _____
3. **What % of the earth's surface is covered by water?** _____
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5. What activity is water used most for? Irrigation