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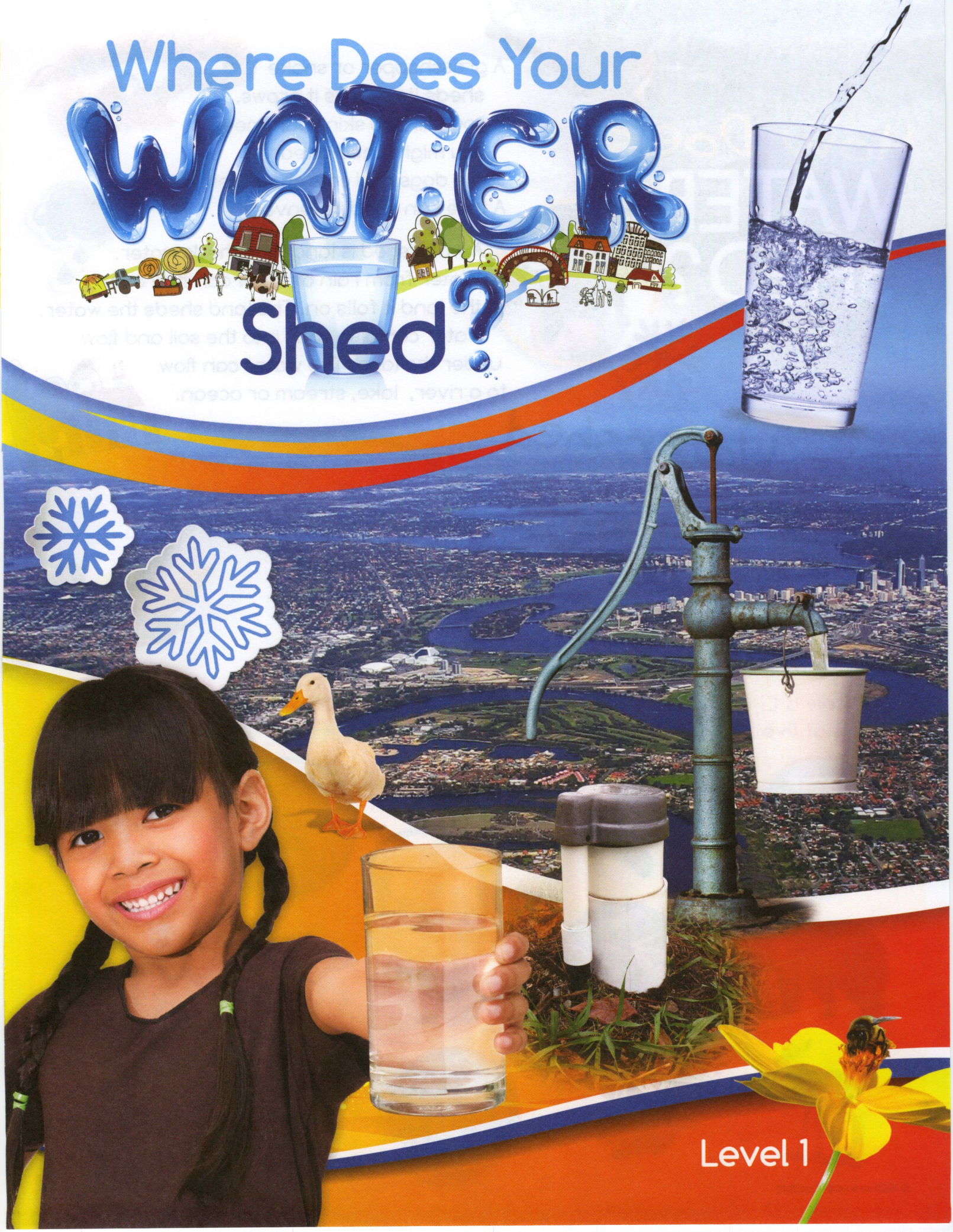

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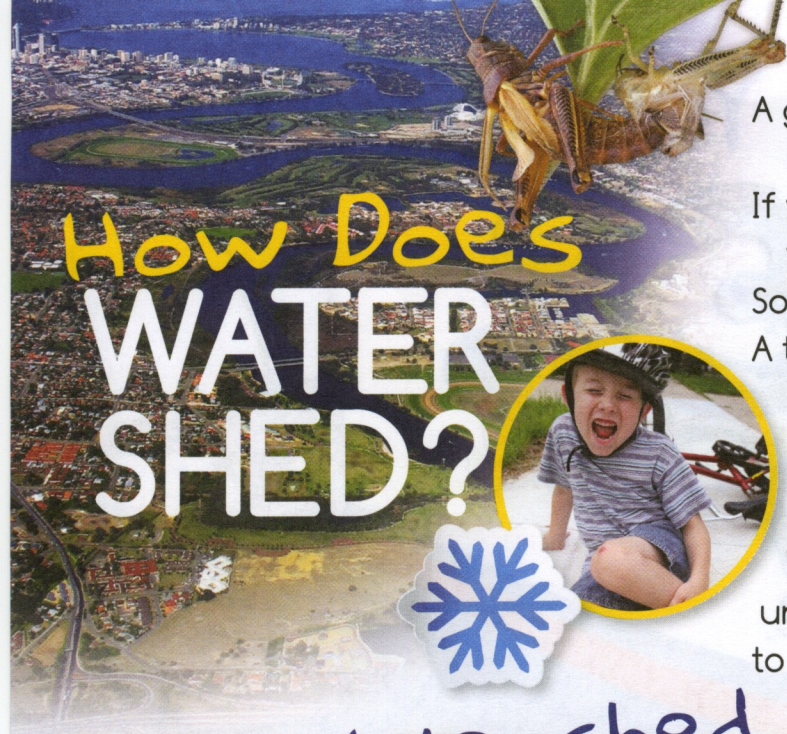

A grasshopper or snake **sheds** its skin as it grows.
If you fall and skin your knee, you might **shed** a tear.
Some dogs and cats **shed** their fur.
A tree can **shed** its leaves.

A watershed is land that **sheds** water. Water from rain or snow can flow over the land it falls on. The land **sheds** the water. Water can also soak into the soil and flow under the land. The water can flow to a river, lake, stream or ocean.

Your Watershed

A watershed can be big or small. We all live in a watershed. Animals and plants also live in our watershed. What kinds of animals and plants live in your watershed?

Draw a ☐ around the animals that live in your watershed.

Draw a picture of an animal or plant that lives in your watershed.

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TAKING CARE OF YOUR WATERSHED

All land is part of a watershed.

Some water flows on top of the soil. Some water flows THROUGH the soil in your watershed. Some of the water you drink comes from your watershed!

You share your watershed with many people, plants and animals.

We all need to work hard to keep our watershed clean. It is important to take good care of our watershed so that we have good water to drink. No matter whether you live on a farm, in the city or near the beach, we all live in a watershed.

Look at this picture.
Mark an X through anything that is bad for the watershed. Draw a ▢ around anything that is good for the watershed.

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SHED
Water Superhero

SHED is a water superhero. He knows that we all need clean water to live and grow. SHED travels all over planet Earth to keep a close eye on watersheds. SHED does his part to keep our water clean. Be a superhero – take good care of your watershed!

SHED is very thirsty. Help SHED, the water superhero, get through the maze to the glass of water.

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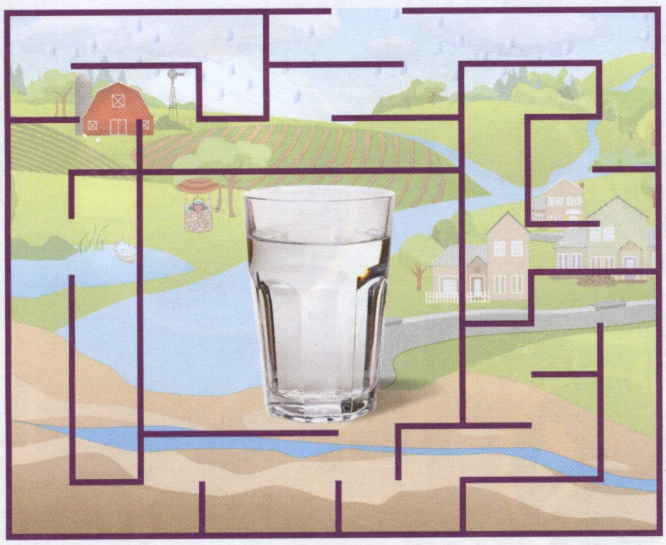


Ask Maxine

What can I do to help take care of the watershed I live in?

- Pick up after your pet. Don't leave pet waste on the ground.
- Plant trees.
- Pick up litter.
- Recycle.
- Ask your parents to use phosphate-free detergents.

There are lots of things you can do!

Get some good ideas at EPA's "Adopt Your Watershed" website: **epa.gov/adopt**

"Nutrient Pollution" website: **epa.gov/nutrientpollution**

"Drinking Water" website: **http://water.epa.gov/learn/kids/drinkingwater/kids_k-3.cfm**

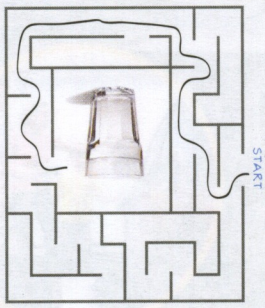
Maxine worked for NACD for 47 years. That's why we always ask Maxine.

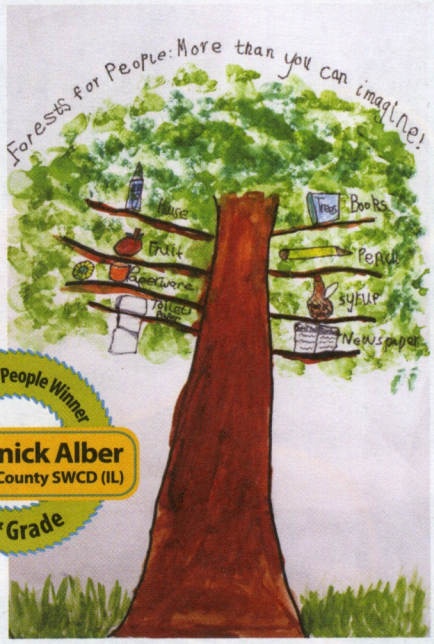
Answer Key

Taking Care of Your Watershed:

☐ - compost bin, recycling, planting, spreading mulch, bird bath, animal feeder, rain barrel, sweeping walkway.

X- car leaking oil, washing car on paved surface, litter, liquid poured in storm drain, sprinkler hitting sidewalk.





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