

Directions: Jackson had to give an oral report for class about the dangers and concerns of drought. He did his research. Help him fill in the missing words to complete the report.

Water is essential to life. All plants, animals, and humans need water. In times of _____ (*stricken, prolong, drought*) there is a _____ (*scarcity, relief, gauging*) of essential water. This can lead to all forms of life seeking some type of _____ (*irrigation, relief, gauging*). It can be scary not to have access to water.

One way people often access water is by using _____ (*extraction, prolong, reservoir*) techniques to access _____ (*gauging, groundwater, dams*). This is not as simple as digging and hoping. It usually requires a _____ (*irrigation, municipal, prolong*) board looking at existing _____ (*policies, gauging, erratic*) and then doing a _____ (*relief, irrigation, feasibility*) study to determine if this would be helpful. If approved people must not just start with _____ (*erratic, dams, groundwater*) digging, but determine the most likely spot for a water source to exist. This is _____ (*gauging, prolong, reservoir*) the likelihood that a natural spring exists underground.

Other areas try to prepare for water shortages with a _____ (*dams, policies, reservoir*) usually created by building _____ (*relief, dams, feasibility*) to hold back a certain amount of natural water for use. These same areas may create _____ (*irrigation, scarcity, erratic*) systems to make sure plant areas that need water most will not allow any to go to waste. While this will not fix all issues, it is always best to think ahead.





Answer Key

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drought

scarcity

relief

extraction

groundwater

municipal

policies

feasibility

erratic

gauging

reservoir

damns

irrigation