

READING

1 Read the article quickly and choose the best title.

- a Schools sell water to students
 b Children love water
 c Drinks machines in schools
 d Too thirsty to learn

2 Complete the article with sentence A, B, C, D or E.

There is one extra sentence.

- A The children had the last word on the subject
 B Mrs Williams whose son Billy is in Year Five
 C The bottles are \$1.00 and the parents give the school \$5.00 a term for the water.
 D The school and parents are impressed by the results.
 E In Green Dale Primary School

3 Choose the correct answers.

- 1 British primary schools want children to drink _____ water.

- a a little
 b a lot of
 c more
 d too much

2 Scientists say _____.

- a water helps our brains
 b children must get water at school
 c it is difficult to make children healthier
 d it's easy to pass tests when you drink water

3 Teachers at Green Dale Primary School want the children to drink water because it's _____.

- a educational
 b free
 c healthy
 d nicer than cola

4 Mrs Harris says _____ causes bad behaviour.

- a mineral water
 b thirst
 c too many bottles of water
 d too much sugar

5 The Year Five teacher says children used to be 'ill' because they _____.

- a were naughty
 b went to the sick-room
 c were thirsty
 d were noisy

6 The children are _____ their parents and teachers about the water.

- a as enthusiastic as
 b more enthusiastic than
 c more excited than
 d less keen than

Some British primary schools are encouraging the children to drink more water. This is because scientists believe that our brains need water to send messages and make connections. They say that a bottle of water is the easiest way to improve children's health, behaviour, learning and test results.



1 _____, all the pupils have a water bottle on their desk. They can drink as much water as they want and then fill up their bottle from the tap. Mrs Harris, head teacher, told our reporter, 'Everyone needs to drink a lot of water - it's good for our bodies, our brains and it's free. Some children drink too many fizzy drinks. Soft drinks and colas have too much sugar - they are unhealthy and they cause discipline problems.'

2 The Year Five teacher said, 'After only two weeks, things were a lot better in my classroom. Now, the children concentrate better and they are more awake in the afternoons. In the past, when they drank sugary drinks, they were much noisier and didn't behave well. Day after day, I used to see tired and bad-tempered children who couldn't learn into the school sick-room with 'illnesses' which could be 'cured' with a glass of water.'

3 _____, 'I think it's a very good idea. Water is better for the children and it doesn't cost anything. I now give the children more water at home and I think they are healthier and happier.' Another mother added, 'When you see the Prime Minister speaking, he always has a bottle of water next to him. Why can't our children have the same?'

4 _____: 'It's OK but I like cola more.' 'I don't like water very much but I drink it.' 'Now we drink more water we need more toilets.' 'It's great - it's free and I like it.' 'I prefer fizzy mineral water - tap water is boring.'