

Taken for Granted

The presence of an ever-flowing supply of fresh, clean water is taken for granted. Unfortunately, this congenial condition is fast disappearing. As our population increases, as industry consumes more water each year, the level of our underground water supply sinks measurably. There is no way to hoard water; there are many ways to conserve it. During a particularly dry spell, New York City found its reservoirs going dry. Only then did the residents begin to heed the sage advice to limit the wasteful uses of water. Under the aegis of the Water Commissioner, citizens were encouraged to develop habits that would save water. The continued imprudent waste by each of us of this most basic resource will work to the detriment of all.

Vocabulary

congenial - friendly and pleasant

sage - wise

aegis - with the protection or support of a particular organization or person

detriment - resulting in harm or damage to somebody/something

Comprehension Questions

1. What is being taken for granted?
2. Which city found its reservoirs going dry?
3. Who encouraged the citizens to develop habits that would save water?

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

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