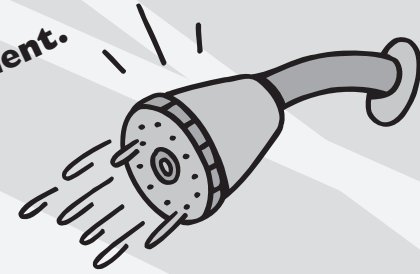




Shower Estimation

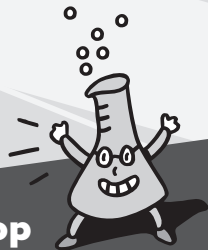


Calculate and conserve for this experiment.



What You Need

- a bucket
- a measuring cup
- a watch or timer



Science Scoop

Americans use an average of **25 gallons** of water per shower. How do you **compare**? Try the following **tips** to save water. **Limit** your shower time to five minutes. Ask your parents to **install a low-flow showerhead** that sprays less water than a regular showerhead. Put an empty bucket in the shower with you to **catch overflow**, then use the water for plants. You'd be surprised how much water you can **save**!

1 Next time you shower, **time** how long it takes.
_____ minutes per shower

2 **Hold** a bucket under your showerhead and run the water for **30 seconds**. Use a measuring cup to figure out **how many cups of water** you collected in the bucket. Then **figure out** how many cups of water you use in **1 minute**.

_____ cups in 30 seconds $\times 2 =$ _____ cups in 1 minute

3 Now figure out **how many** cups of water you use when you take a shower.

_____ number of cups in 1 minute \times _____ minutes
per shower = _____ cups per shower

4 Figure out **how many gallons** of water you use in your shower. (There are **16 cups** in 1 gallon of water.)

_____ cups per shower $\div 16 =$ _____ gallons per shower

5 **Use the water** from this experiment to water indoor or outdoor **plants**.



Now it's time for you to experiment. How many gallons of water would you use if you turned the shower **off** when you soap your body or lather your hair and **turn it on** again to rinse? Choose **one thing** to change (that's the variable) and **predict** what you think will happen and why. Then **test it** out and send your results to ZOOM.



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Chart Your Water Usage

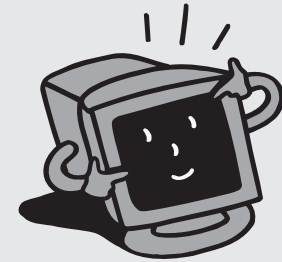
Measure and record how much water the people living in your house use when they shower.

Name	Time in Shower	Gallons of Water Used



Who used the most water?
Who used the least?

Find the average amount of water used in a shower at your house. Add together all of the gallons of water used. Now divide this number by the number of people who showered. The average amount of water used per shower = _____



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