

ALL THE WATER IN THE WORLD

Activity Handout (Appendix B)

Did you know...?

- Earth is called the Water Planet.
- Approximately three-fourths (3/4) of the Earth's surface is covered with water.
- The Earth has different types of water:

Oceans	97.2% of total water
Iccapcs/glaciers	2.38%
Ground water	0.397%
Surface water (lakes, rivers, streams, ponds)	0.022%
Atmosphere	0.001%

Add up the percentages for water available for drinking water.

Ground water _____

Surface water _____

TOTAL (0.419%) .

Now add icecaps/glaciers _____

GRAND TOTAL (2.799%) .

REMEMBER: Only a small percentage of water is suitable for humans to drink. Not all of the water in the ground and in lakes and rivers is easy to reach or clean enough to drink. Icecaps and glaciers are certainly hard to use for humans, plants, and animals. Some work is being done to take the salt out of ocean water (desalinate the water), but that is an expensive process.