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Where Is There Water on Earth?

Planet Earth has large areas of land and large areas of water.



The areas of water are bigger than the areas of land. That's why Earth looks blue from space. There's more water than land!



◀ This is how Earth looks from space.

Most of Earth's water is found in the oceans. The water in the ocean is salty. Salt water is not safe to drink. Many fish and other marine species live and swim in the ocean.

▼ Dolphins live in the ocean.



People swim in the ocean, too. The water in the ocean rises and falls. This movement is called waves. Waves of all sizes and shapes hit the beach. It's fun to play in small waves.

▼ Adults and children play in the waves.



Besides oceans, water is also found in lakes and rivers. This water is called fresh water.



Fresh water is safe to drink only after it is cleaned. Some ways to clean water is to boil it or use a filter.



▲ This girl is drinking fresh water.

When it is warm outside, snow on mountaintops melts. The sun melts the snow and it becomes water. The water flows down the mountain.

- ▼ Snow on mountaintops can melt and turn into water.



Glaciers are made of ice and snow.
Glaciers are found in the coldest
zones on Earth.

▼ This is a glacier.

