

# Water rationing role play

*To the householder*

*The Acme / Brecks Water Co.plc  
Breckstown  
Breckshire  
BRK 121  
Friday 7th July 2000*

*Dear Customer,*

*As I am sure you are aware, the recent weather has not been very good for our company (or for you, our customer). In fact we have the lowest average rainfall of any region of the United Kingdom. This year has been particularly bad especially as, in the last few years, we have been living in near-drought conditions. We are seriously short of water.*

*This background information will, hopefully, help you to understand why we have to take the following decisions. From Monday 10th July your water supply will automatically be shut down, daily, between the hours of ten (10) a.m. and two (2) p.m. until further notice.*

*Yours sincerely*

*I.M. Chief.*

*Director, Acme Brecks Water Co. plc.*

Use the letter and character notes below to have a class debate/role play on the issue of water rationing.

- Read the letter from the Water Company (left).
- Read the character notes (below).
- Choose one of the characters and re-read their notes.
- Write a speech, putting their point of view forward as persuasively as you can.

## Character notes

### 1. Brecks resident

I am very upset with the Water Company. I pay my bills regularly. I have a water meter and am very careful with the way we use water. We recycle dirty water from the house for the garden and collect rainwater for the same purpose. The Water Company ought to fix the leaks in the pipes, and anyway it's industry and farmers that use most water - not households like us. I think it is completely unfair that I should have my water supply reduced since I take so many steps to use as little water as possible.

*Draw the Brecks resident here ->*

