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Making a difference

Starting out ◆

 **1** Watch the video and answer the questions.

- 1 What kinds of good deeds are shown in the video?
- 2 What idea does the video convey?

2 Look at the pictures of the three people and read the quotations. Talk about the following points:

- the contribution these people made to society
- the qualities you admire in each of them
- other people who have similar qualities

Bai Fangli, tricycle driver

I'm old. All I can do is ride a tricycle and make money for the students... Knowing that the kids now have money for school is what keeps me going and gives me more energy.



Florence Nightingale, founder of modern nursing

The amount of relief and comfort experienced by the sick after the skin has been carefully washed and dried, is one of the commonest observations made at a sick bed.

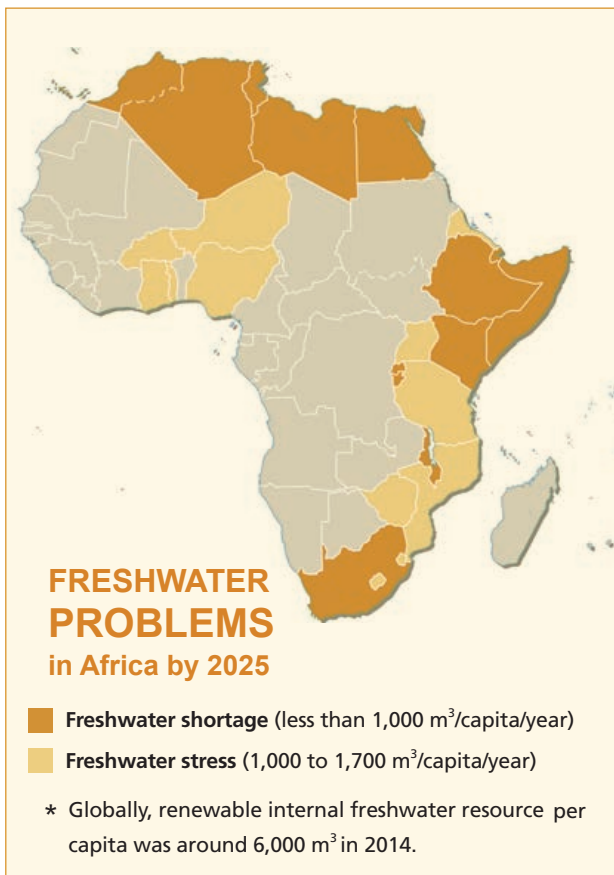


Red Adair, oil well firefighter

It scares you: all the noise, the rattling, the shaking. But the look on everybody's face when you're finished and packing, it's the best smile in the world; and there's nobody hurt, and the well's under control.



- 1 Look at the map and talk about water problems in Africa.



Now tick the solutions that you think are most effective to supply Africa with fresh water.

- ☐ collect and purify rainwater
- ☐ fund water projects
- ☐ build wells and pumps
- ☐ recycle waste water
- ☐ set up facilities to purify water
- ☐ develop new water conservation technologies

- 2 Read the passage and find out what Ryan did to help solve the problem of water shortage in Africa.



- 1 As a six-year-old Canadian schoolboy, Ryan had trouble believing the words spoken by his teacher that many people in developing African countries couldn't get enough clean water. He looked across the classroom at the drinking fountain. It was very close – only ten steps away. So, Ryan asked himself, "Why do some African children have to walk ten kilometres to get water every day? And why is the water so dirty that it makes them sick?" Young Ryan thought, "Life is easy for me, but hard for those people. Why don't I help?"
- 2 At first, his plan was to earn money to build a single well somewhere in Africa. He cleaned windows and did gardening for his family and neighbours. He soon reached his first target of \$70, but when he gave the money to a charity, he was told that it actually cost \$2,000 to build a well. Seventy dollars was only enough for a hand pump.

The Well That Changed the World



Ryan understood that a hand pump wouldn't help the children. What they needed was a well dug near their homes.

- 3 Two thousand dollars was a lot of money, but Ryan didn't give up. He was determined to help other children have clean water. He started to ask for help from his classmates and neighbours and persuaded them to donate money. At the same time, a friend of Ryan's mother helped make his story go public. After several months, Ryan had raised the \$2,000, with which a well was built near a primary school in Uganda. The children at the school no longer needed to walk for hours to get water. They were grateful to him and invited him to visit.
- 4 In Uganda, Ryan at last saw the finished well with his own eyes. But that was not all. He also saw hundreds of delighted students who had turned out to welcome him. They sang and

danced happily. Some even offered him food and gifts. At first Ryan was nervous, but soon a great warmth filled him. He really had made a difference for these children. He broke into a joyful smile.

- 5 Later, Ryan's experience led him to set up a foundation to encourage more people to help. Many inspired people gave him their support. Ryan's foundation continues to attract support from more and more people, so the work of building more wells can go on. Today, over 800,000 people in 16 countries across Africa have benefited from the life-changing gift of clean, safe water.
- 6 Now, as an adult, Ryan says that the question to ask is not "Why don't I help?", but "How can I help today?". This insight grew from the determined attitude of a six-year-old boy who had the courage and perseverance to make his dream a reality.

3 Choose the best explanation of the title and give your reasons.

- 1 The well built by Ryan solved the problem of worldwide water shortage.
- 2 The more wells you dig, the better the world will be.
- 3 The well built by Ryan encouraged more people to help make the world a better place.

4 Complete Ryan's story with expressions from the passage.

Ryan's story



- 1 Ryan could get clean drinking water within ten steps, but some African children had to ¹ _____. So Ryan decided to help.
- 2 Ryan cleaned windows and did gardening, and reached ² _____. But when he ³ _____, he was told it cost \$2,000 to build a well.
- 3 Ryan persuaded his classmates and neighbours to ⁴ _____. His mother's friend also helped him. After several months, he raised enough money and a well was built in Uganda.
- 4 Ryan visited Uganda. He saw ⁵ _____. He also saw ⁶ _____ who had turned out to welcome him.
- 5 Later, Ryan's experience led him to ⁷ _____ to encourage more people to help.
- 6 Today, the life-changing gift of clean water ⁸ _____.

- 1 What kind of person do you think Ryan is? Which of his qualities do you admire most? Why?
- 2 As a senior high school student, what can you do to help people in need?

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