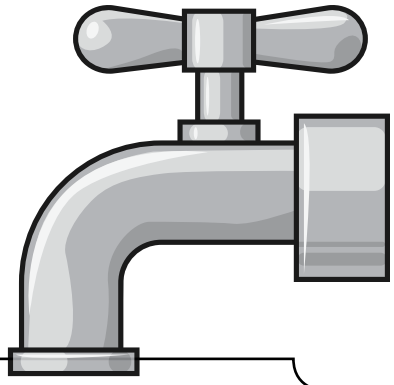
Only Tap Water **Delivers**

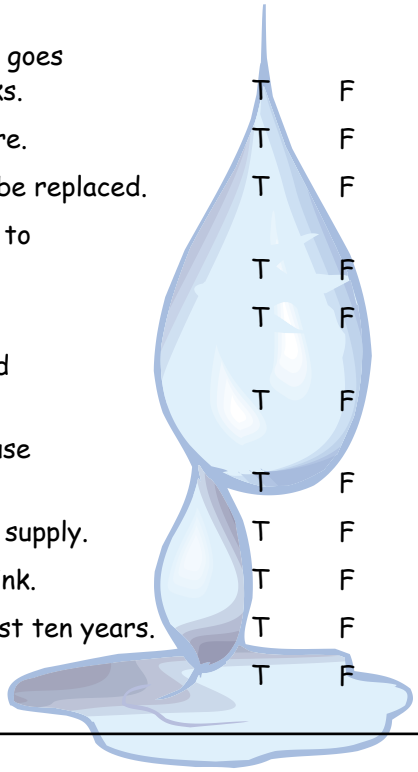
TRUE FALSE QUIZ



Some of these statements are true.
Some are not.
Can you find all the true statements?

Circle T for True and F for False

1. Most of the time, the water from fire hydrants and home faucets goes through the same system of water mains, pumps, and storage tanks. T F
2. Firefighters need water to come out of hydrants at a high pressure. T F
3. Water pipes that run underground last forever and don't need to be replaced. T F
4. Many water utilities in North America add fluoride to their water to prevent tooth decay. T F
5. A well-maintained water delivery system has fewer leaks. T F
6. Community water providers do not need to meet strict federal and state water quality standards. T F
7. The infrastructure of the water system includes the people who use the water, like families, businesses, and firefighters. T F
8. Most businesses do not succeed without a safe and reliable water supply. T F
9. Most tap water in the United States and Canada is not safe to drink. T F
10. Most of the water pipes that run underground were built in the last ten years. T F
11. A break in a water main will never affect fire hydrants. T F



Answer key: 1 T; 2 T; 3 F; 4 T; 5 T; 6 F; 7 F; 8 T; 9 F; 10 F; 11 F

Answers for statements that are false:

3. The infrastructure of the water system, such as pipes and pumps, wear out and need to be repaired or replaced over time.
6. In the United States, water utilities must meet close to 100 national rules for water quality, and there are additional rules in many states. Canadian provinces have similar rules.
7. The water system infrastructure means the "pieces" of the water delivery system: the pipes, pumps, tanks, and water mains that deliver water safely to our faucets.
9. Tap water in North America is among the safest in the world. Our high standards for water quality prevent waterborne diseases that afflict people in many developing countries.
10. Many of the water mains and pipes in North America are more than 50 years old, and sometimes more than 100 years old.
11. A water main break could reduce the pressure of water coming out of a fire hydrant, which makes it harder for a firefighter to put out a fire.

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