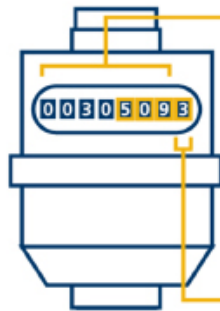


# Activity sheet 10

## Reading a water meter

Reading a water meter is important if you want to save water at your school. At first glance the numbers displayed on a water meter can appear confusing. However, they are generally easy to read.

Read the meter from left to right. The black numbers show kilolitres and the red numbers show litres.



Numbers only meter

- 1 Day one, record all numbers that you see here. Note the time of day.
- 2 Day two, repeat step 1. Conduct this reading at the same time as you did reading on day one.
- 3 Subtract the numbers recorded on day one from day two. This is your daily water usage.

Please note, if there are four red digits on the water meter, the last digit (on the far right) is a tenth of a litre. In these instances, do not record the last red **digit**.

**or**



Numbers and clock meter

- 1 Day one, record all numbers that you see here. Secondly, record numbers found here. Record the first three red dial numbers in a clockwise direction, that is, right to left. Note the time of day.

Both steps should provide you with a number similar to the diagram example 00030509.

- 2 Day two, repeat step one. Conduct this reading at the same time as you did reading on day one.
- 3 Subtract the numbers recorded on day one from day two. This is your daily water usage.

Day one: Record numbers from your water meter as per instructions above.

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Day two: At the same time as day one, record your water meter as per instructions above.

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Subtract the number found on day one from the number found on day two.

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This is your daily water usage

Please exercise caution when removing water meter covers. They are homes for spiders and sometimes snakes. Ensure gloves are used by anyone involved in meter reading.

**Adult supervision is advised.**