

Water Footprint Challenge Answer Keys

Water Footprint Challenge Part 1

1. $24 \leq x < 960$
 - a. Explanation: Corn ethanol uses between 0.6 and 20 gallons per mile. Multiply the car's gas mileage (24) by 40 miles per day.
2. $9 < x < 27$
 - a. Explanation: Gasoline uses 0.1 to 0.3 gallons per mile, and Person B's daily commute is 90 miles.
3. $6000 < x < 200000$
 - a. Explanation: Multiply the range from Question 1 by 250.
4. $2250 < x < 6750$
 - a. Explanation: Multiply the range from question 2 by 250.
5. 0.72
 - a. Explanation: $60 \text{ kWh/month} * 12 \text{ months/year} * 1 \text{ MWh} \div 1000 \text{ kWh}$
6. $72 \leq x \leq 229$
 - a. Explanation: Multiply 0.72 MWh/year by the range of 100 to 317 gallons per MWh for coal.
7. $14.4 \leq x \leq 72$
 - a. Explanation: Multiply 0.72 MWh/year by the range of 20 to 100 gallons per MWh for gas.

Water Footprint Challenge Part 2

1. $21000 \leq x \leq 22000$
2. $3000 \leq x \leq 3200$
 - a. Explanation: July evaporation for Riverside is 10.88 inches, or 0.91 feet. Using the Swimming Pool Volume calculator, the resulting volume is approximately 3063 gallons.
3. 15%
 - a. Explanation: Divide evaporation in gallons by total volume in gallons.
4. 8.24
5. $2200 < x < 2400$
 - a. Explanation: According to the article, $\text{evapotranspiration} = \text{irrigated area} \times \text{ET rate} \times 0.6233$