

1 WHEN A RIVER OTTER DIVES, its ears and nose close tightly to keep water out.




2 THERE ARE AN ESTIMATED **45 MILLION** TOILETS IN THE BRITISH ISLES, USING ROUGHLY TWO BILLION LITRES OF WATER EVERY DAY.



3 THE RIVER-DWELLING ARMoured CATFISH looks as if it shimmers, but its sheen is actually the reflection of a thin layer of crystals underneath its skin.



4 MALE PLATYPUSES – aquatic mammals that live near rivers and lakes in eastern Australia and the island of Tasmania – are venomous.



5 UP TO **60%** OF THE HUMAN BODY IS WATER.

12 EVERY PERSON IN THE BRITISH ISLES USES **150 LITRES** OF WATER A DAY.

13 COLD WATER WEIGHS MORE THAN HOT WATER.



14 AMERICA'S EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK IN FLORIDA – a wetlands home to panthers, alligators and leatherback turtles – covers an area about the same size as the English county of Devon.




15 A MINNOW – A SMALL, SILVERY FISH FOUND IN PONDS, LAKES AND RIVERS – HAS ITS TEETH IN ITS THROAT.



20 COOL THINGS ABOUT WATER

OUR PLANET AND ITS PEOPLE NEED FRESHWATER TO SURVIVE. CHECK OUT THESE FACTS ABOUT SOME OF THE ANIMALS THAT LIVE IN IT AND HOW WE USE IT

6 THE NILE, THE WORLD'S LONGEST RIVER, STRETCHES about 6,600km – the length of more than 44 million £20 notes lined up end to end.

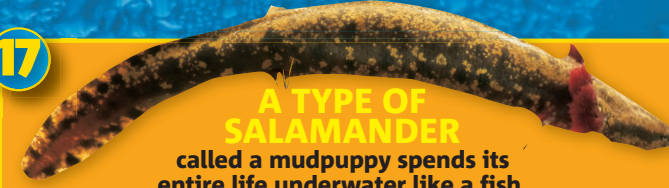


7 THE RAIN THAT FALLS TODAY IS THE SAME FRESHWATER THAT DINOSAURS DRANK.



8 FRESHWATER MAKES UP LESS THAN **THREE PER CENT** OF THE EARTH'S WATER.

17 A TYPE OF SALAMANDER called a mudpuppy spends its entire life underwater like a fish.



18 IT TAKES MORE THAN **7,000 LITRES** OF WATER to produce one pair of jeans.



DRAGONFLY LARVAE LIVE UNDERWATER BEFORE THEY BECOME ADULTS THAT FLY.

9 A BATH USES UP TO **75% MORE** WATER THAN HAVING A FIVE-MINUTE SHOWER.



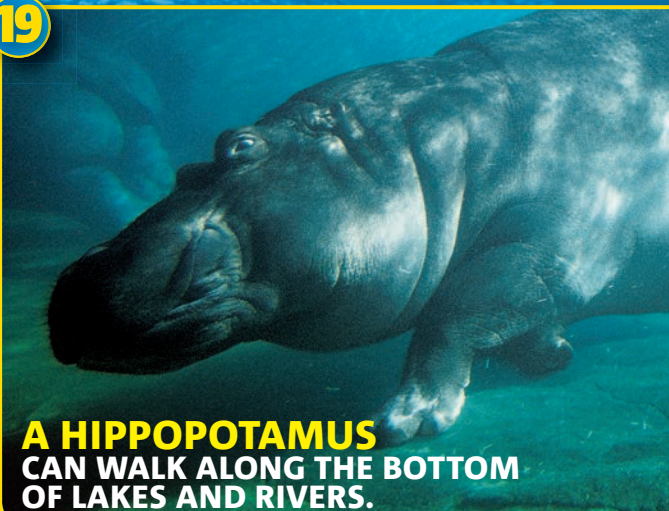
10 THE SNAKE-NECKED turtle, found in the marshes of Australia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, smells like a skunk.



11 Across the world, **844 MILLION PEOPLE** do not have access to safe drinking water and rely on streams, ponds, canals and open wells.



19 A HIPPOPOTAMUS CAN WALK ALONG THE BOTTOM OF LAKES AND RIVERS.



20 WORLD WATER WEEK TAKES PLACE IN AUGUST EACH YEAR. HELD IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN, EXPERTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD MEET TO DISCUSS HOW WE CAN BETTER LOOK AFTER THE WORLD'S MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCE.

