

UK SEWAGE CRISIS

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RAW SEWAGE KEEPS SWIMMERS AWAY FROM UK BEACHES



The UK is experiencing "poonami" – a sewage crisis. The environmental group Greenpeace said water companies poured toilet waste into rivers and seas for more than 300,000 hours in 2022. Many people have complained about becoming sick after swimming in the sea. Others expressed concerns about the terrible smell on beaches, or the horrible brown colour of the water. The research company Savanta conducted a poll about people's opinions on the poor quality of water. Almost a quarter of swimmers said they might not swim in the sea this year because of the risk. Last week, at least 57 people got diarrhoea after competing in sea swimming events at a World Triathlon Championship.

England and Wales are the only countries in the world to have privatized their water and sewage services. The UK government sold its water to private companies in 1987. The companies promised to spend billions of pounds on making services better. However, many Britons have complained that things have become much worse. The privatized companies have not invested enough money in stopping leaks or in modernizing systems. Since 1991, they have paid over £2 billion a year to their shareholders. Water campaigner and ex-rock star Feargal Sharkey is angry with the water companies. He said they have failed to create a quality system. He also blamed the UK government for not acting.

CHAT

WATER	1
GOVERN- MENT	2
MONEY	3
UK	4
DIARRHEA	5
ENVIRON- MET	6
CRISIS	7

DISCUSSION

- 01- Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- 02- What do you think of when you hear the word 'beach'?
- 03- What do you think about what you read?
- 04- Should water and sewage be run by private companies?
- 05- Why did the UK government sell its water?
- 06- How safe is the water in your country?
- 07- Why do companies care more about profit than people?
- 08- Should the UK take back its water and sewage services?
- 09- Would you go swimming in England?
- 10- What questions would you like to ask the private water companies?

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Prepositions
- The onlyto do



RANKING

Put the worst uses of water at the top.

- Hose pipes
- Swimming pools
- Car washes
- Water parks
- Golf courses
- Bottled water
- Water pistols
- Fountains

Write your reasons to explain:

1- _____

2- _____

3- _____

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 1)

The UK is experiencing "poonami" – a sewage crisis.

- 1) Caused a liquid to flow from one place to another.
- 2) Said or communicated what one thinks or means.
- 3) A time of great difficulty or danger.
- 4) Very unpleasant.
- 5) Anxiety; worry.
- 6) A stomach problem when poo leaves the body frequently and in a liquid form.
- 7) The things our body no longer needs that goes down the toilet.

VOCABULARY (PARAGRAPH 2)



- 1) Said someone was responsible for a fault or a bad thing.
- 2) Something accidentally losing water, liquid or gas, through a hole or crack.
- 3) An owner of shares in a company.
- 4) Transferred a business, industry, or service from public to private ownership and control.
- 5) Told someone you are unhappy about something.
- 6) A person who works in an organized and active way towards a goal or to bring change.
- 7) Put money into money-making schemes with the hope of making a profit .

WRITE YOUR OWN QUESTIONS!

STUDENT'S QUESTIONS



- (a) _____
- (b) _____
- (c) _____
- (d) _____
- (e) _____

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WATER POLLUTION HAS BEEN AN INCREASING PROBLEM OVER THE LAST FEW DECADES. WHAT CAUSES WATER POLLUTION? HOW CAN WE PREVENT THIS PROBLEM?



Track 01

WRITE THE MISSING LETTERS!

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_ s_w_g_ cr_s_s. Th_ _nv_r_nm_nt_l gr_p Gr_np_c_ s_d w_t_r c_mp_n_s p_r_d

t_l_t w_st_ _nt_ r_v_rs _nd s_s f_r m_r_ th_n 300,000 h_rs _n 2022. M_ny p_pl_ h_v_ c_mpl_n_d _b_t b_c_m_ng s_ck _ft_r sw_mm_ng _n th_ s_. _th_rs _xpr_ss_d c_nc_rns _b_t th_ t_rr_bl_ sm_ll _n b_ch_s, _r th_ h_rr_bl_ br_wn c_l_r _f th_ w_t _r. Th_ r_s_rch c_m_pny S_v_nt_ c_nd_ct_d _ p_ll _b_t p_pl's _p_n_ns _n th_ p_r q_l_t_y _f w_t_r. _lm_st_ _ q_rtr_ _f sw_mm_rs s_d th_y m_ght n_t sw_m _n th_ s_ th_s y_r b_c_s_ _f th_ r_sk. L_st w_k, _t l_st 57 p_pl_ g_t d_rrh_ _ft_r c_m_p_t_ng _n s_ sw_mm_ng _v_nts _t _ W_rld Tr_thl_n Ch_m_p_nsh_p.

sewage

noun

ADJ. raw, untreated | treated

VERB + SEWAGE dump, pump *In some parts of the country raw sewage is pumped straight in the sea.*

treat *Sewage should be treated in a proper disposal system.*

SEWAGE + NOUN farm, plant, works | disposal, treatment | discharge, effluent, sludge | pollution

beach

noun

ADJ. beautiful, fine, lovely, magnificent, palm-fringed, sun-drenched | golden, sandy, white | pebble, shingle | bathing, pleasure | deserted, empty, private, secluded

BEACH + VERB stretch *a beautiful golden beach stretching for miles*

PREP. along a/the ~ *He walked along the beach.*

at a/the ~ *They met at the beach.*

on a/the ~ *She lay on the beach and read her book.*

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At the beach - time you enjoyed
wasting, is not wasted."

T. S. Eliot


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