

WORLDWIDE WATER RIDDLES

Look at the chart below that lists rainfall in cities around the world. Use the information to answer these water riddles.

1. I am the capital city of Egypt. I get about 1 inch of rain each year. **Who am I?**

2. I am a city in the Sonoran Desert in the United States. I get about 11 inches of rain each year. **Who am I?**

3. I am a very big city on the East Coast of the United States. I get about 42 inches of rain each year. **Who am I?**

4. I am a city located in the driest desert in North America. I get about 4 inches of rain each year. **Who am I?**


Location	Annual rain in inches	Location	Annual rain in inches	Location	Annual rain in inches
Alice Springs, Australia	11.3	Lima, Peru	0.6	Phoenix, USA	6.7
Cairo, Egypt	0.8	London, England	23.3	Salt Lake City, USA	9.4
Chicago, USA	36.2	Mexico City, Mexico	24.6	Seattle, USA	33.2
El Paso, USA	8.5	Miami, USA	47.0	Shanghai, China	44.9
Las Vegas, USA	4.1	New York City, USA	42.6	Tucson, USA	11.5

On a separate sheet of paper, list the cities in order based on their amount of rainfall, starting with the city that receives the most rain each year.

BONUS QUESTIONS

Which city outside the U.S. receives the most rain annually?

Which city outside the U.S. receives the least rain annually?

Your teacher has the answers!

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