



WORLDWIDE WATER RIDDLES

Look at the chart below that measures rainfall in cities around the world. Use information from the chart to help you answer these water riddles.

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



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



Location	Annual rainfall in inches	Location	Annual rainfall in inches	Location	Annual rainfall in inches
Alice Springs, Australia	11.3	Miami, USA	47.0	Mexico City, Mexico	24.6
Cairo, Egypt	0.8	New York City, USA	42.6	Tucson, USA	11.5
Chicago, USA	36.2	Phoenix, USA	6.7	Lima, Peru	.6
El Paso, USA	8.5	Salt Lake City, USA	9.4	London, England	23.3
Las Vegas, USA	4.1	Seattle, USA	33.2	Shanghai, China	44.9

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?

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"Drylongso" by Virginia Hamilton. Drylongso is a mysterious boy who brings the promise of water to a drought-stricken area in the Dust Bowl.

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