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1. The topic is **water conservation**.
2. **Taking short showers** reminds me of **the time my family had to cut back on water during a drought**.
3. Now I understand **how important it is not to waste water**.