

Glossary: Water (3.6)

Dam: a barrier that holds back water

Reservoir: an artificial lake, primarily used for storing

- 'on channel' reservoir: where a dam has been built across an existing river
- 'off channel' reservoir: usually use depressions in the existing landscape/ human-dug depressions to store water

Wells & boreholes: is a mean of tapping into various types of aquifers (water-bearing rocks), gaining access to groundwater

Cloud seeding: is a technique used to increase rainfall (or snowfall) in an area

Physical water scarcity: when demand outstrips a region's ability to provide the water needed by the population

Economic water scarcity: when a population doesn't have the necessary monetary means to utilise an adequate source of water

Irrigation: the artificial application of water to land to assist in the production of crops