



Activity 21. What do you know?

By now, you probably know quite a bit about salinity and the problems it causes. Why not test your friends and family on their knowledge of salinity?

You may like to design your own questionnaire, or use some of the questions below for starters. The questions on this page are designed to be read verbally (out loud) to the person you are interviewing. It is important that you keep the questions in the same order, otherwise you might give away clues to the correct answers! Happy surveying!

1. What is the single greatest threat facing the environment of Queensland?
 - a. bushfires
 - b. erosion
 - c. salinity
 - d. pollution
2. At the time of European settlement (1824), Queensland was covered mostly by "forest" or "dense woodland". About what proportion of Queensland still has this type of cover?
 - a. 55%
 - b. 33%
 - c. 25%
 - d. 10%
3. The Murray-Darling river basin extends across parts of which Australian states?
 - a. SA, Vic, NSW and Qld
 - b. NSW, Vic and the ACT
 - c. NSW, Vic and SA
 - d. SA, Vic, NSW, Qld and the ACT
4. Does Queensland have a salinity problem?
 - a. yes, in some areas
 - b. no
 - c. impossible to say
 - d. it really depends on the weather

5. Where is salt-affected land found in Queensland?
 - a. in some irrigation regions
 - b. in the Lockyer Valley
 - c. mainly in south-eastern Queensland
 - d. in some non-irrigation areas
 - e. in all of the above

6. How much of Queensland's productive land has already been damaged by salt?
 - a. 500 000 ha
 - b. 100 000 ha
 - c. 40 000 ha
 - d. 10 000 ha

7. What is the fundamental cause of Queensland's salinity problem?
 - a. removal of natural vegetation
 - b. rising saline watertables
 - c. erosion
 - d. the use of agricultural chemicals
 - e. summer fallowing of crops

8. A shall watertable threatens about 385 000 ha of Australia's largest irrigation area. What is the area called?
 - a. The Shepparton Irrigation Region
 - b. The Murrumbidgee Irrigation Area
 - c. The Goulburn-Murray Irrigation District

9. Who does the salinity problem in Queensland really affect?
 - a. all Queenslanders
 - b. all rural communities
 - c. some rural communities
 - d. some farmers and their families

Answers: 1. b, 2. b, 3. d, 4. a, 5. e, 6. d, 7. a, 8. c, 9. a.