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Do you know how much water you use every day? If you used water only for drinking, you would need just one or two liters a day. Actually, you use a lot more water every day: about 300 liters. (①) you use water for cooking, washing clothes, and taking a bath. About 230 liters per person are used at home, and 70 liters are used outside the home. How about people in other countries? In Germany, people use about 150 liters per person in their houses.

You also use water in surprising ways. It is used to produce the food that you eat. Do you know how much water is used to make one beef bowl? It is about 2,400 liters. About 2,000 liters of water are used to make 100 grams of beef, and about 280 liters are used to make 100 grams of rice.

You might think that the water in Japan is so plentiful that water issues affect distant countries but not us. (②) because of climate change and all the concrete here, Japan's water situation is changing. Water shortages at dams happen more often these days. More and more land is covered by concrete. This means water from rain doesn't go down into the ground, so the level of water in wells is going down.

What do you think of this situation? Water issues may become more serious in the future. We have to consider what we can do for future generations. Taking big actions might be difficult, but we can take small steps like using less water or not leaving any food when we eat. I believe that if we all start with small steps, we can create a better future.

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liter: リットル per: ～ごとに gram: グラム plentiful: 豊富な concrete: コンクリート
water shortage: 水不足 dam: ダム ground: 地面 level: 高さ well: 井戸

1. 英文中の(①)、(②)に当てはまる最も適切なものをそれぞれ選び、()に記号を書きましょう。

- a In addition,
- b However,
- c For example,
- d Then,

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2. この原稿の概要として最も適切なものはどれでしょうか。1つ選び、記号に○を付けましょう。

a

People in Japan use more water than people in some other countries because there is more water here. Like people in Germany, Japanese people should use less water. That will help to stop climate change, and the next generation will have enough water.

b

We use more water every day than we think. A lot of water is used to make just one dish. In order to use less water, we have to change what we eat. This is one of the ways to help with water issues in the future.

c

We use a lot of water for many different things every day. Even in Japan, water shortages are happening more often because of climate change and cities building more roads and buildings. It is very important for us to save water now so that we can have a better future.

d

Water problems are serious all over the world. Especially in Japan, because of climate change and development, water issues are happening more often than before. We can't solve this problem without taking big actions.