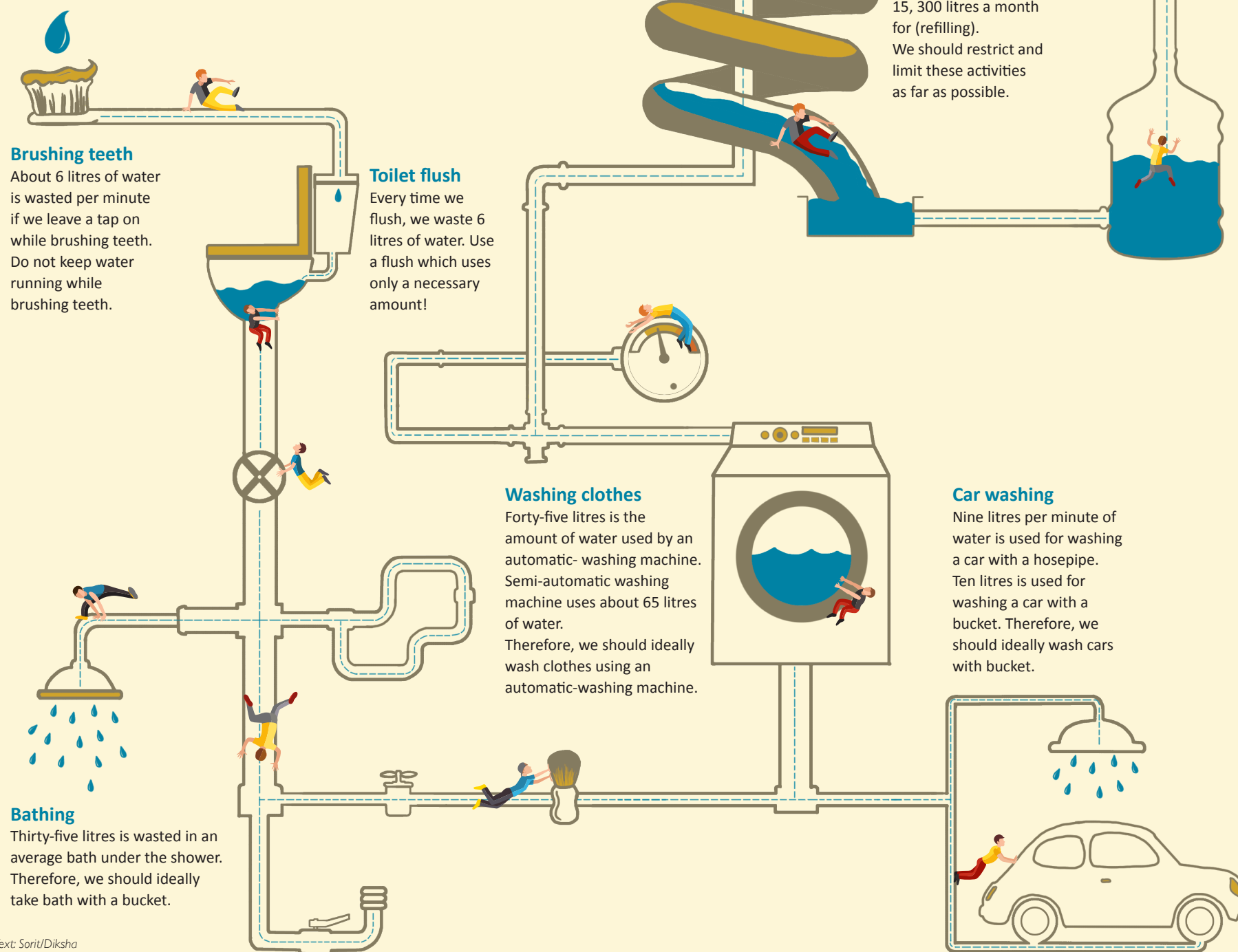


ON THE WALL

How do we (mis)use water?

We humans are strange creatures. We love data and statistics. For example, we know that **two-third of the globe is water**. Ninety seven per cent of it is not usable as it is **saline**. We have just **3 per cent freshwater**. And only about **0.3 per cent of this is found as surface water in lakes, rivers and other water bodies**. And still we waste water carelessly...

GT backs an average day in our lives and how we can try and use water prudently



Do it yourself Water Report Card

Activity to monitor daily water usage

Activity	You consume (in Litres)
Bathing (bucket or shower)	
Brushing teeth	
Toilet flush	
Washing clothes (Automatic vs semi-automatic washing machine)	
Washing car (bucket or hose pipe)	
Drinking water (Aqua guard RO)	

Key to account for water leakage:

No. of drops per second	Water lost (Litres per day)
1	32.7
2	65.4
3	97.9
4	130.8
5	163.3
Five drips per second is a steady stream	
Source: American Water Work Association (2008)	