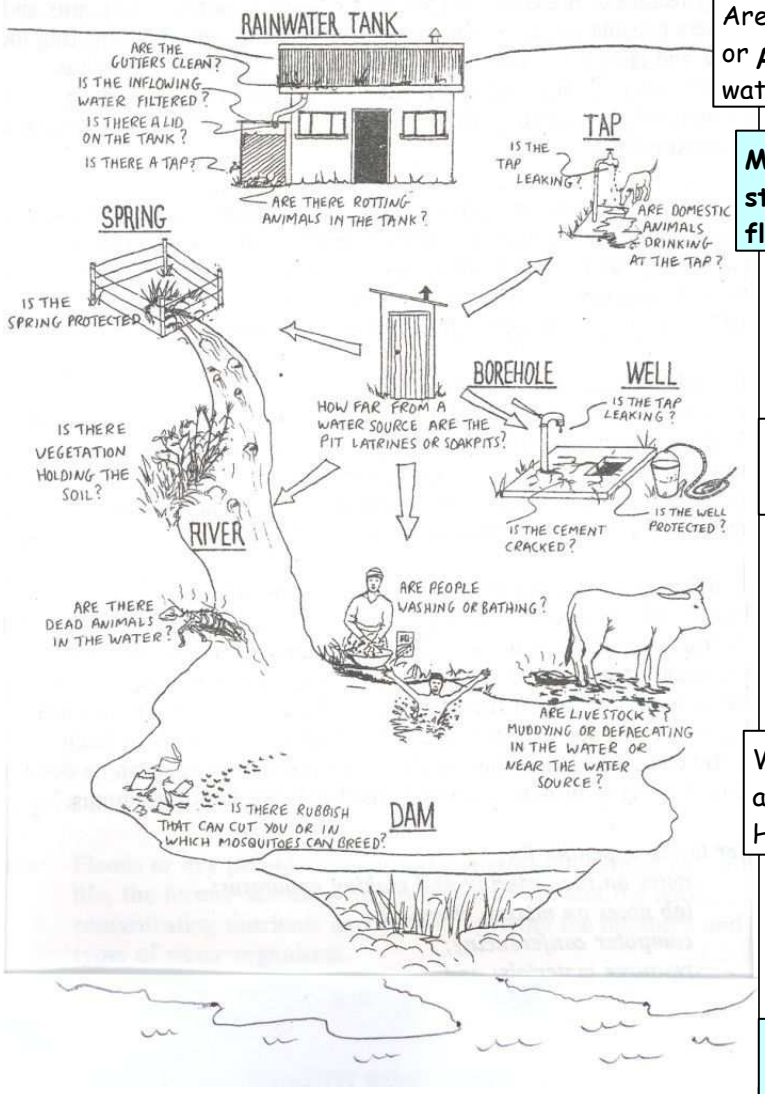
Making sense of our catchment

Some questions we are asking: Where are we in the catchment? Is our site rural or urban? What is the history of the area? What activities are happening nearby? What other questions do we need to ask?
Use some of the ideas here to help develop your story.



Upper reaches: At the top of a river catchment, there are many small streams that flow into a larger stream

Are there any ***indigenous*** ways of knowing or ***practices***? How do they relate to the water and catchment health?

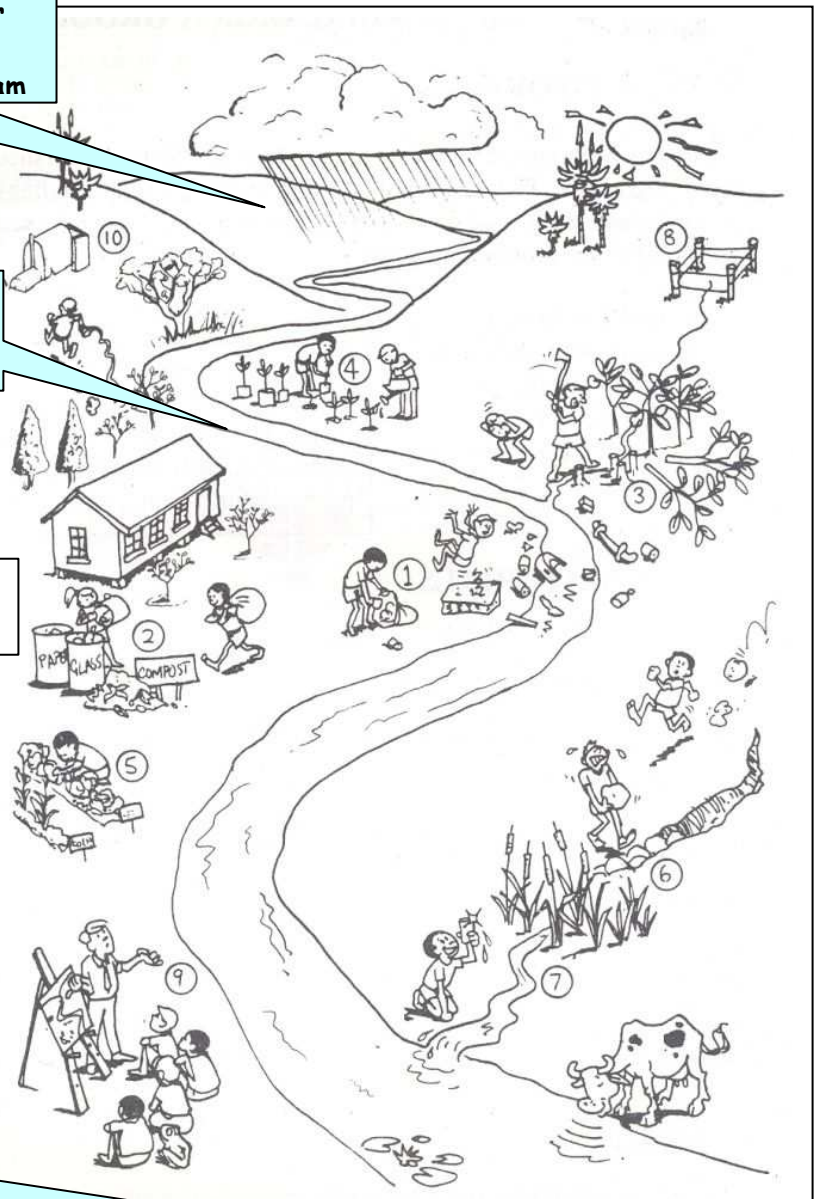
Middle reaches: Several larger streams or rivers along the catchment flow into the main river system.

What ***life*** is there around the catchment? What kinds of plants? People? Other animals?

Are there soak pits or outdoor ***toilets***? How close are they to water sources?

Are there ***dump sites*** or ***sewage*** works near the catchment? How close are they? How carefully are they managed?

What ***farming*** activities or ***factories*** are there around the catchment? How are they using the water?

Are there any ***dams*** in the catchment? How big are they? Are there any activities on or near it?

Lower reaches: The main river in the catchment becomes deeper and wider, and finally reaches the sea.