Water Vocabulary

Potable Fit or suitable for drinking

Well A hole drilled or bored into the earth to obtain water

Aquifer Any geological formation containing or conducting ground water

Contaminate To make unsuitable by contact or mixture with something unclean

Climate The usual weather patterns or conditions in a particular place region

Drought A long period of time during which there is very little or no rain

Flood An overflowing amount of water onto normally dry

Conservation The careful use of resources to prevent them from being lost or wasted

Disease Extreme illness

Sanitation The application of measures for the sake of cleanliness

Hygiene Conditions or practices (as of cleanliness) conducive to health

Human Right A basic right that many societies believe every person should have

Accessible Easy to approach, reach, or use

Crisis Any event that is, or is expected to lead to, an unstable and dangerous situation affecting

an individual, group, community, or whole society

Resource A source of supply

Management The act or process of deciding how to use something

Nicaragua Country Central America bordering on the Pacific & the Caribbean

Inequality An unfair situation in which some people have more rights or better opportunities than

other people

Ripple-Effect A situation in which one event causes a series of other events to happen

Consumption The act of eating or drinking (or using) something

Scarcity A very small supply: the state of being scarce

Thirst An uncomfortable feeling caused by the need for something to drink

Community A unified body of individuals (united by place or interest for example)

Sustainable A method of harvesting or using a resource so that the resource is not depleted or

permanently damaged and can last indefinitely

Rural "of the countryside"

Commodity Something that is bought and sold