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Welcome to Newsreel Easy, I'm Layla May, your presenter from London.
Today's headlines:

- Will Cape Town be the first city to run out of water?
 - Joined-up handwriting
 - And, are children prepared for social media?
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- **First up, will Cape Town be the first city to run out of water?**

Ray de Vries: The Cape Town City situation. It'll be the first city ever, that has no water, in the Western world.

This is Ray de Vries. A water supply company owner. He is talking about Cape Town's serious water problems for the media channel thesouthafrican.com.

Cape Town, in South Africa, could become the first city in the world to run out of water. The main reasons for the crisis are little rain and a more people moving in to the city.

Local people need to use less water. This means no more washing their cars or filling up their swimming pools.

Cape Town's government is trying to find a solution by making sea water drinkable. They're also considering water recycling programmes.

- **Up next, joined-up handwriting**

Joined-up handwriting, or cursive writing, is the act of writing by hand, connecting the letters in a flowing motion.

Children in the UK spend many hours at school learning to do joined-up

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handwriting. Are school pupils happy with this? I visited a school to find out more.

Charlie: My name is Charlie and I'm 14 years old

Layla: Charlie, do you use joined-up writing or do you use print writing when you're handwriting?

Charlie: When I'm writing, I use print writing. It's a lot faster and it looks neater on the page than joined-up writing.

Layla: Why do you think you're even taught joined-up handwriting at school?

Charlie: I think we are being taught joined-up handwriting just because it's just kind of part of being British. I think it's just really traditional. I don't think it should be included as each child should have their own unique style of writing, it shouldn't be forced upon them

Adam Martin, a teacher at North East Surrey State School, thinks joined-up hand writing is important to learn.

Adam: I think joined-up writing really helps children learn because it builds a foundation for their learning. I think cursive writing looks nicer, it just looks more natural.

Adam says joined-up writing builds a foundation for learning. He means that's how children learn to spell correctly.

Adam: I think pupils these days can be a little bit lazy with their text speak and things like that they do on social media, trying to get them to write proper English sentences is very important. If you write the word ten times you will memorize that word. You learn words by repetitive writing.

Repetitive writing, is writing words many times. That's how you learn them, according to Adam.

- **And finally, are children prepared for social media?**

Child: "Roughly in a day, I say I spend four to five hours on social media."

England's Children's Commissioner, Anne Longfield, warns that many children aren't prepared for social media as they start secondary school. Listen to one pupil speaking to the BBC. She says that cyberbullying is a problem. Cyberbullying means writing mean things on social media.

Child: "Cyberbullying could be going on or people who want to put you down"

That's all for today, we'll be back again on the 10th of February. I'm Lyla May. Thanks for listening!

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