

Natural Resources

Summary

The things we need and use from the Earth are natural resources. Some natural resources, such as trees, are renewable. They can be replaced after a time. Some natural resources, such as oil and coal, are nonrenewable. They cannot be replaced. A few resources, such as sunlight, wind, and water, are never used up. Conservation is using natural resources wisely. People can help conserve natural resources by reducing, reusing, and recycling.

Before Reading

Activate Prior Knowledge

Provide background for students by previewing the book. Discuss the text features and preview the key vocabulary and concepts.

Vocabulary

conservation, natural resources, nonrenewable resource, recycle, renewable resource

Comprehension Skill: Compare and Contrast

When we read about natural resources, we can compare and contrast them to find out how they are alike and different. As you read, think about ways natural resources are alike and different.

During Reading

Think Critically

Have students answer the *What Did You Learn?* questions located on the inside back cover of their book.

- 1. What are three examples of nonrenewable resources?** Oil, coal, and iron ore are nonrenewable resources.
- 2. How can farmers conserve soil?** They plant crops around hills so the soil won't

wash away. They plant trees around fields so the soil won't blow away.

- 3. Why is it easy to recycle today?** Many towns collect items to be recycled. Many places have special containers for bottles and cans. Grocery stores collect used shopping bags to be recycled.

After Reading

Writing in Science

In this book, you read about landfills and the need to reduce, reuse, and recycle our resources. Write to explain how reducing, reusing, and recycling would affect our landfills. Use examples from the book to support your answer.

Organize Information

Graphic Organizer: Compare and Contrast
Have students complete the Compare and Contrast chart on the BLM for this Leveled Reader to compare and contrast renewable resources and nonrenewable resources.

Related Resources

Vocabulary Cards	Equipment Kit
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Activity Flipchart	Quick Study
Graphic Organizer Transparencies	
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Write your answers.

1. What natural resources cannot be used up?
Water, air, and sunlight are natural resources that cannot be used up.
2. What are some ways in which people can conserve fuel?
Possible answers include: People can buy products with less packaging. They also can use less water.
3. What are the three R's to helping to conserve our natural resources?
The three R's are reduce, reuse, and recycle.
4. How are renewable resources similar to nonrenewable resources?
How are they different? Use the graphic organizer to help you.

Possible answer:

Compare and Contrast

