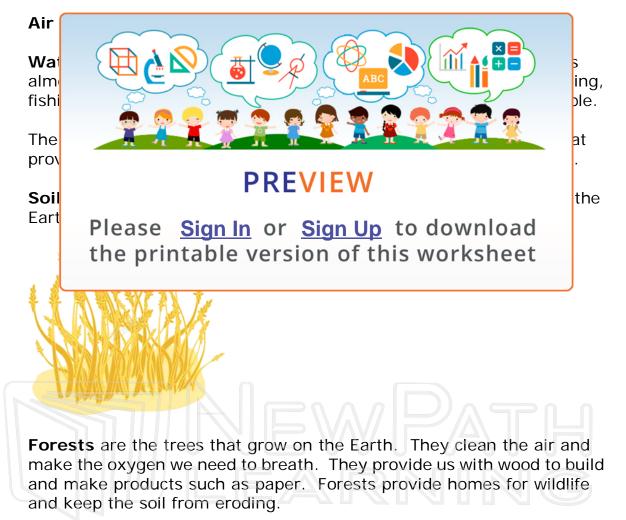


NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Natural Resources are useful resources that come from the earth and sky and help humans live on Earth.





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Fossil fuels such as natural gas and oil are natural resources created and stored deep within the Earth. We use them for fuel, heat, and manufacturing.



Ores and **minerals** are natural resources in the Earth such as copper, gold, salt, silver.



them last for future generations.

National Parks have been established by our government to conserve scenic, scientific, and historical land.

- Yellowstone National Park was dedicated in 1872. It is more than 2 million acres in the states of Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.
- Everglades is a National Park in Florida. It has over 1 million acres of land and water.
- The Grand Canyon is a National Park in Arizona.
- The Great Smoky Mountains is a park in Tennessee and North Carolina.
- Acadia National Park is on the coast of Maine.
- There are more national parks in several regions of the US.

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Wildlife refuges are places where animals and plants are protected by law.

Earth Day is celebrated every year on **April 22**. The first Earth Day in 1970 was a day to clean up litter, conserve energy, and think of ways to protect the environment.

Recycling means to reuse products made from natural resources. In many states, people pay a nickel or dime deposit on cans and bottles. Instead of being thrown away, they can be returned to the store to get the deposit back. Then they can be used to make new cans and bottles. Many people recycle newspaper and cardboard so that it can be recycled. New trees do not have to be cut down to make more paper products.



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