

## NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

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



**Air**

**Water**  
almost  
fish

The  
prov

**Soil**  
Earth



**PREVIEW**

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**Forests** are the trees that grow on the Earth. They clean the air and make the oxygen we need to breathe. They provide us with wood to build and make products such as paper. Forests provide homes for wildlife and keep the soil from eroding.

**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.

Renewable resources are some of the most important resources on Earth. They are used to produce energy, and they are used to make many of the things we use every day. They are also used to make many of the things we use every day.

Non-renewable resources are those that cannot be replaced once they are used up.

Conservation is the practice of protecting what you have so that it is not used up and can be used for future generations.

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**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.

**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.

An illustration showing a group of diverse children standing on a green patch of grass. Above them are four thought bubbles containing various educational icons: a cube, a microscope, a globe, a chemistry flask, a globe, a pencil, a bar chart, a pie chart, a bar chart, and a calculator. The word "ABC" is also visible in one of the bubbles. To the left of the children is a partial view of a globe.

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Look at the items that could be recycled?

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