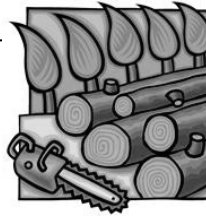


Limited Resources

Cross-Curricular Focus: History/Social Sciences



Natural **resources** are things that we use that come from Earth. Our natural resources are **limited**. This means that they will not last forever. Some are renewable, like when you plant a new tree when you cut one down. Others are not renewable, like when you dig coal out of the ground. Once it is used, it is gone.

People are aware of the fact that Earth's natural resources are limited, and can do things to **help** conserve those resources. When you try to conserve a natural resource, you try to use less of it so it does not get used up so fast. One way that people conserve fuel, like gasoline, is by riding a bicycle or walking when the distance is short instead of driving everywhere.

Water is a very important natural resource because we all need it to stay alive. We can conserve water by making sure that our pipes and faucets do not leak. We can also conserve water by making smart choices, like only using the dishwasher or washing machine when they are full.

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Answer the following questions based on the reading passage. Don't forget to go back to the passage whenever necessary to find or confirm your answers.

1) What is a natural resource? _____

2) What is a renewable resource? _____

3) What does it mean to conserve a resource? _____

4) Why is water such an important natural resource? _____

5) Give an example of something you will try to do to save a natural resource. _____
