



▶ Natural Resources

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Natural Resources

- ▶ Natural resources come from nature.
- ▶ They are things people can use.



▶ water

Water

- Water is a natural resource.
- All living things need water to live.

water for drinking



water for plants

Air



- ▶ Air is a natural resource.
- ▶ Many living things need air to live.

Rocks

building
made of rock



- ▶ Rocks are a natural resource.
- ▶ People build with rocks.

Soil



- ▶ Soil is a natural resource.
- ▶ It is made of sand, humus, and clay.



plants growing in soil



planting seeds in soil

People use soil to grow plants.

Taking Care of Resources



▶ People can walk instead of using cars.

- ▶ Pollution harms natural resources.
- ▶ Cars and trucks make pollution.



Trash harms land and water.

People can clean up trash.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



- ▶ People can reduce trash.
- ▶ To reduce means to make less.

reusing jars



recycling paper



- People can reuse and recycle things.
- These are ways to make less trash.

▸ **Vocabulary**

- **natural resources, p. 2**
- **rocks, p. 5**
- **soil, p. 6**
- **humus, p. 6**
- **pollution, p. 8**
- **reduce, p. 10**
- **reuse, p. 11**
- **recycle, p. 11**

◀ **Think About the Reading**

- ◀ **1.** What questions do you have after reading this book?
- ◀ **2.** How can you find answers to these questions?

◀ **Hands-On Activity**

- ◀ **1.** Write the names of natural resources on index cards.
- ◀ **2.** Draw or write about how resources in your area are used.

◀ **School-Home Connection**

- ◀ Tell a family member what you have read about natural resources. Talk with the family member about ways people can help take care of resources.