

Fill in the blank using the words in box.

Humans – natural resources – wind – nonrenewable resources – water – oil –
nature – sun – quickly – air – energy – Earth – lifetime

Resources

Resources are found in nature and make a better quality of life for _____. Soil, air, water, sunlight, and trees are all examples of resources that humans use every day, whether they know it or not. Without resources, humans could not live on the planet Earth.

Food, water, and sunlight are all examples of a _____. A natural resource is a material found in _____ that is used by living things. Air, rocks, metals, _____, and salt are all natural resources.

Renewable resources are resources that can be replaced during a human _____. Trees, air, water, and even energy from the _____ are renewable resources. Trees that are cut down can be replaced _____ when seeds or baby trees are planted. _____ from our bathtubs and sinks can be cleaned at treatment facilities so it can be ready to drink. Plants, wind, and rain can help clean the _____ to make it safe to breathe even if it came out of a car or a factory.

Sometimes resources cannot be replaced after they are used. These are called _____. Once nonrenewable resources are all used up, nature will not be able to replace them during a human lifetime. Oil, natural gas, _____, and metals are all types of nonrenewable resources that we depend on without even thinking about it.

Coal is another example of a nonrenewable resource. Coal is made by nature deep within the _____. Humans mine the coal underground and use it as an _____ source. Once humans have mined all the coal from inside Earth, there will be no more for us to depend on. Luckily, humans are finding new ways to harness other natural resources to do jobs that have mainly used coal in the past. For example, _____ and water turbines are now being used to generate energy. They replace some of the need to burn coal.