

## ***Can the economy grow forever?***

Match the words on the left with their correct definitions on the right.

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| • Degrowth    | • Ecosystem       |
| • Renewable   | • Overconsumption |
| • Finite      | • Innovation      |
| • GDP         | • Equilibrium     |
| • Consumption | • Sustainability  |

1. The ability to maintain or support a process over time without causing harm.
2. The act of using resources, goods, or services.
3. A reduction in economic activity to prioritize ecological health.
4. Having limits or bounds; not infinite.
5. Resources that can be replenished naturally over time.
6. The total value of goods and services produced in a country.
7. A community of living organisms and their environment.

8. Using resources at a rate faster than they can be replenished.

9. The introduction of new ideas, methods, or products.

10. A state of balance between opposing forces or factors.

Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the word bank..

- The concept of \_\_\_\_\_ focuses on reducing economic activity to protect the environment.
- Many resources on Earth are \_\_\_\_\_, meaning they will eventually run out.
- \_\_\_\_\_ energy sources, like solar and wind power, are essential for a greener future.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ of natural resources at current rates is unsustainable.
- A healthy \_\_\_\_\_ requires a balance between human activity and nature.

- \_\_\_\_\_ is often used to measure a country's economic performance.
- Achieving \_\_\_\_\_ means finding ways to meet our needs without harming the planet.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is key to developing new technologies that can reduce our environmental impact.
- When supply and demand are in \_\_\_\_\_, prices tend to stabilize.
- \_\_\_\_\_ is a major driver of environmental degradation and climate change.