Natural Resources

A natural resource is something found in **nature or earth** that people can use to meet their needs. Natural resources include **air, water, soil, plants, animals, minerals** and **fuels**.

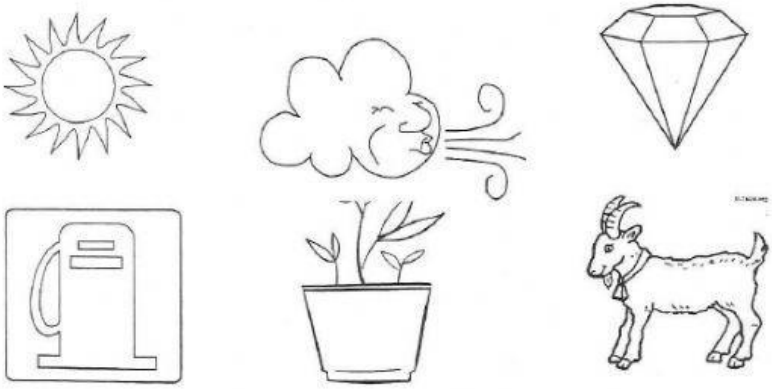
Natural resources are used in many ways.

Air is found above the earth's surface. Air is a mixture of gases. **Oxygen** is a ga: found in the air that animals need to breathe in. Plants need carbon dioxide gas from the air.

Living things also need water. Without water, they would die. Water is found all over the earth. 75% of the earth is water. There are two kinds of water on earth, and they are **salt water** and **fresh water**. Salt water can be found in the ocean.

Freshwater can be found in rivers, ponds, streams, and lakes. Some water on the earth is solid. Solid water is ice. At the North and South Poles, it is always cold. The ice and snow do not melt. These are called glaciers and icebergs.

Soil is also used for growing crops and making bricks. Plants are used for food, furniture, paper and clothes. **Minerals** are used to make coins, furniture, and jewelry.



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1. What would happen to living things if there is no water? [1]

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2. Name TWO things that plants are used for. [2]

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3. What are TWO things minerals are used for? [2]

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4. Complete the analogy. [1]

Oxygen is to animals as carbon dioxide is to _____

5. Define the term natural resources. [2]

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6. Name the TWO kinds of water on earth. [2]

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7. Write the letters for the meanings on the right to match the resources on the left.

	Resources	Ans.	Meaning
1	water		A. found above the earth's surface
2	air		B. used for growing crops and making bricks
3	soil		C. needed by living things

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