

NATURAL RESOURCES

VOCABULARY CARDS



NATURAL RESOURCE

Something from nature that people use to meet their needs.



WATER

A natural resource that is essential for all living things.



SOIL

The top layer of the Earth that supports plant growth.



ROCK

A natural solid material that is used for many purposes.



FOREST

A large area covered with trees that provides many resources.



WIND

Moving air that can be used to do work or generate energy.



SUNLIGHT

Energy from the Sun that is needed for life and can be used to make energy.



OCEAN

Large bodies of salt water that provide many resources.



COAL

A fossil fuel formed from ancient plant remains; used for energy.



NATURAL GAS

A fossil fuel in gas form; used for heating and cooking.



OIL (PETROLEUM)

A liquid fossil fuel used to make fuel and many products.



MINERALS

Natural substances in rocks that are used in many products.



RENEWABLE RESOURCE

A resource that can be replaced naturally in a short time.



NON-RENEWABLE RESOURCE

A resource that takes a very long time to form and cannot be replaced quickly.



ENVIRONMENT

The natural world around us, including air, water, land and living things.



CONSERVATION

Using resources wisely to protect them for the future.