

Natural Resources

4th Grade

What we take from the Earth, and which of it runs out.

RENEWABLE

- Replaces itself, if we are careful
- Sunlight and wind
- Water (through the water cycle)
- Trees — if replanted
- Fish — if not overfished

NON-RENEWABLE

- Once used, it is gone
- Coal, oil and natural gas
- Metals and minerals
- Took millions of years to form
- Cannot be replaced in a lifetime

THE DIFFERENCE THAT MATTERS

Renewable does not mean unlimited. A forest cut faster than it regrows behaves exactly like a non-renewable one.

Reduce, reuse, recycle — in that order. Reducing is the one that actually works.