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Natural Resources

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Natural resources are useful things we find in our environment. People did not make them. Nature gives them to us. We meet them every day when we drink water, eat food and walk on the land.

AFTER THESE NOTES YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO

- Say what natural resources are
- Name water, air, soil, plants, animals and minerals as natural resources
- Say how each resource helps us
- Show simple ways of caring for natural resources

KEY WORDS

Natural resources	Useful things from nature that people did not make.
Minerals	Natural substances found in the ground.
Forest	A place with many trees.

1 What are natural resources

Natural resources are useful things we find in our environment. They are not made by people. Nature gives them to us.

They include water, air, soil, plants and forests, animals and minerals. The water you drink, the air you breathe, the food you eat and the land you walk on are all natural resources.

These resources help us live, grow and stay healthy.

Resource	How it helps us
Water	For drinking
Land	For farming
Plants	Give us oxygen and food
Forest	Gives us wood
Animals	Give us food
Minerals	Found in the ground

Figure 1. Natural resources and their uses

2 Using our senses

Feel soil and leaves with your hands. Listen to the sounds of animals and water. Touch water in a container.

Sort leaves, stones and water containers into groups. Match each resource to its use. Water goes with drinking. Land goes with farming.

3 Caring for natural resources

Natural resources are useful, so we must take care of them. Do not waste water. Care for plants. Keep the environment clean.

Protect plants and animals and use resources wisely.

TRY THIS

Look around your home. Find three natural resources. Tell a friend what each one is used for.

REMEMBER

- Natural resources are useful things from nature
- They are not made by people
- Water, air, soil, plants, animals and minerals are natural resources
- Water is for drinking and land is for farming
- We must not waste water and must keep the environment clean

? Check yourself

1. What are natural resources.
2. Name two natural resources.
3. What is land used for.
4. Why must we not waste water.
5. The teacher gives Mulenga a container of water, some soil and a leaf and asks him to say what they are. He feels each one. (a) What do we call these things from nature. (b) What is water used for. (c) Who made them.

6. Chanda sees a tap running when nobody is using it at school. Her teacher asks what she should do. (a) What natural resource is being wasted. (b) What should Chanda do. (c) Why is this important.

ANSWERS

1. Useful things from nature that people did not make.
2. Any two of water, air, soil, plants, animals and minerals.
3. Farming.
4. Water is a natural resource that helps us live, so we must take care of it.
5. (a) Natural resources. (b) Drinking. (c) Nature, not people.
6. (a) Water. (b) Close the tap. (c) We must use natural resources wisely and care for them.

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