

Are we damaging our world?

Key Knowledge and Concepts

Word	Definition
mineral	substances that are formed naturally in the Earth
abundant	Large in amount or number
scarce	Difficult to find
shared resources	Natural resources that are used by lots of people and countries
renewable	A resource which can be used repeatedly and replaced naturally
non-renewable	Natural resources that cannot be replaced after they are used. Also called a finite resource.
imported	Raw material or finished product that is brought into a country from abroad
sustainability	Using resources in ways that means they will continue to be available in the future
finite	A natural resource that cannot be easily replaced.

People depend on the Earth's resources in order to survive.

Natural resources are things that are found in nature that we can use.

Some natural resources are scarce such as gold, diamonds and water while others are abundant such as wind.

Natural resources are distributed unevenly between countries and regions.

There are many other resources which are natural and of use to us including sunshine, rivers, forests and wind.

Use of some natural resources can harm the environment such as burning coal for energy. However, there are renewable energy sources such as wind.



In the future, we may need to use more renewable energy sources to look after our planet.

Some minerals can be transformed into substances such as sand into glass and concrete.

Some natural resources need to be imported due to local imitations e.g. bananas from Brazil and grapes from South Africa.

