Chapter 4

Earth’s Resources Study Guide

1. What is a natural resource?

Anything that is use that is found in nature.

1. Why is recycling paper, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles a good way to take care of Earth’s resources?

Recycling these materials will mean taking fewer resources from nature later.

1. Cotton comes from cotton plants. Is cotton a renewable or nonrenewable resource? How do you know?

Renewable, because people can plant new cotton plants.

1. What are some ways you do to conserve paper?

Recycle paper in the recycle bin, turn paper over and use the other side, and use cloth napkins instead of paper.

1. Why would you turn off the water while you brush your teeth?

To conserve water

1. An attempt to preserve or protect an environment from harmful change is conservation.
2. List some examples to conserve natural resources.

Drink water from reusable bottles

Ride your bike instead of driving

Reuse items and not purchase things new

1. Restoring land is a positive way that people affect the Earth.
2. How are national parks an example of conservation?

They protect the land from mining, development, and pollution

1. What are some causes of air pollution?

Automobiles and factories

1. What is conservation?

Using resources as little as possible and not wasting them.

1. What is the difference between a nonrenewable and a renewable resource?

Nonrenewable resource is something that cannot be replaced. A renewable resource is a resource that can be replaced.

1. Sort the following as nonrenewable or renewable resources.

Cotton soil air oxygen gas

Oil water plants animals

Coal trees natual gas sunlight

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| Nonrenewable resources | Renewable resources |
| oil  coal  natural gas | Cotton  Soil  Water  Trees  Sunlight  Oxygen gas  Plants  animals |