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The Earth's Resources – Worksheet

Word Bank

renewable resource
trees
fossil fuels
engineer

natural resources
Water
oxygen
carbon dioxide

nonrenewable resources
Land
unequal
water

Instructions: Fill in the blank(s) in each sentence with the appropriate word(s) from the word bank.

1. A material that can be replaced naturally and can be used over and over again to produce goods and services is called a _____.
2. The distribution of Earth's natural resources is usually _____, with wealthier countries receiving more and developing nations receiving less.
3. _____ is the most common substance on Earth, covering $\frac{3}{4}$ of the world's surface. It is essential to life and its conservation is of worldwide importance.
4. Coal, oil, natural gas, copper, gold, and silver are examples of _____ and cannot be replaced.
5. _____ can be a renewable resource if we can keep it from eroding.
6. A person whose job is to make wise use of the world's resources is called an _____.
7. It takes over 1,000 acres of medium-sized _____ to make a single edition of the Sunday newspaper.
8. Earth's rainforests are extremely important because they recycle _____, _____, and _____.
9. Materials that are found in nature are called _____.
10. A natural material that is almost impossible to replace is called a _____.

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