

The Earth's Resources – **Worksheet Answers**

Word Bank

renewable resource	natural resources	nonrenewable resources
trees	Water	Land
fossil fuels	oxygen	unequal
engineer	carbon dioxide	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 **renewable resource**.
2. The distribution of Earth's natural resources is usually **unequal**, with wealthier countries receiving more and developing nations receiving less.
3. **Water** 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 **fossil fuels** and cannot be replaced.
5. **Land** 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 **engineer**.
7. It takes over 1,000 acres of medium-sized **trees** to make a single edition of the Sunday newspaper.
8. Earth's rainforests are extremely important because they recycle **water**, **carbon dioxide** and **oxygen**.
9. Materials that are found in nature are called **natural resources**.
10. A natural material that is almost impossible to replace is called a **non-renewable resource**.

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