

ANSWERS

1. What are natural resources?

Natural resources are things, materials and substances found in the natural environment. They exist “naturally” in the world and are not the result of human manipulation or creation.

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

Renewable resources can regenerate. There is an “infinite” amount of these resources. Nonrenewable resources cannot be regenerated by natural processes. There is a finite amount of nonrenewable resources, so once used up, they are forever gone.

3. What are examples of renewable resources?

Water, sunlight, plants, animals and wind are examples of renewable resources.

4. How can a renewable resource become a nonrenewable resource?

Renewable resources can become nonrenewable resources if they are used faster than they can be replenished. If the resource no longer exists, there is nothing to regenerate or be replenished.

5. Do you think any renewable resource we use today is in danger of becoming a nonrenewable resource? Justify your answer.

Answers will vary.