Natural Resources and Communities

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

1. Why should a town be careful with the fresh water in its river?

   It turns into salt water at night.

   It can get dirty or be used up.

   River water never changes.

   River water is never safe to drink.

2. Which pair shows a resource and how people use it?

   timber: building houses soil: making electricity wind: catching fish

   fish: building houses

3. Which resource can run out if people use too much?

   sunlight coal ocean waves wind

4. A plains town has strong wind most days. How could it use this resource?

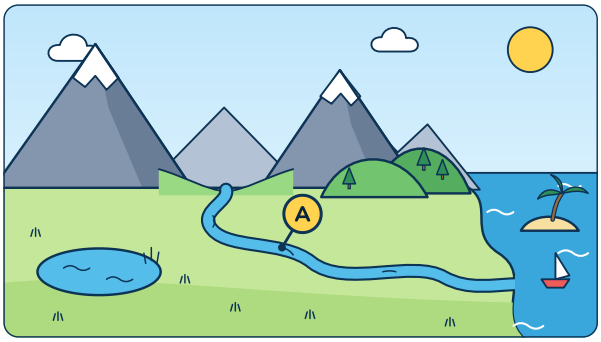
   cut down forests

   build fishing docks

   dig wells for oil

   build wind turbines for power

5. Look at the picture. Long ago a mill was built beside A. What turned its wheel?



   burning coal sunlight moving water wind

6. What is one way to protect soil on a farm?

dig up all the plants

leave the fields bare all year

plow up the grass before storms

plant grass to hold the soil

7. Why do many towns grow up near rivers?

Rivers give water and a way to travel.

Rivers stop all floods.

Rivers make the land very dry.

Rivers keep towns warm in winter.

8. Which resource is renewable, meaning nature can replace it?

oil from the ground

coal from deep mines

trees, if new ones are planted

natural gas from wells

9. A coastal town catches too many fish. What could happen?

There will be more fish next year.

There will be fewer fish next year.

The town will catch more each year.

The fish will grow bigger.

10. Which resource in the ground helps a farming town grow crops?

stone wind coal rich soil

Scan to get this marked free. No screen time for your child.
Print it · do it in pencil · scan it · PencilGo picks the next sheet.

Natural Resources and Communities

Answer Key - Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

Circle the answer.

1. Why should a town be careful with the fresh water in its river?

   It turns into salt water at night.

   It can get dirty or be used up.

   River water never changes.

   River water is never safe to drink.

2. Which pair shows a resource and how people use it?

   timber: building houses soil: making electricity wind: catching fish

   fish: building houses

3. Which resource can run out if people use too much?

   sunlight coal ocean waves wind

4. A plains town has strong wind most days. How could it use this resource?

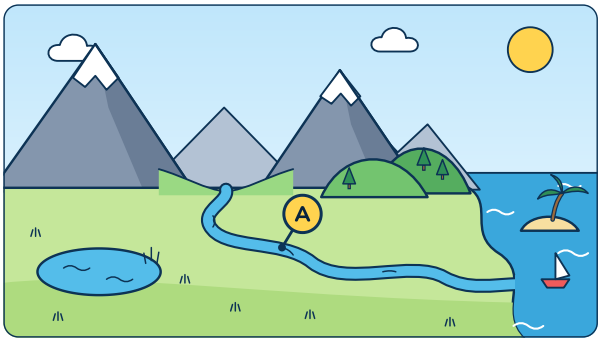
   cut down forests

   build fishing docks

   dig wells for oil

   build wind turbines for power

5. Look at the picture. Long ago a mill was built beside A. What turned its wheel?



   burning coal sunlight moving water wind

6. What is one way to protect soil on a farm?

dig up all the plants

leave the fields bare all year

plow up the grass before storms

plant grass to hold the soil

7. Why do many towns grow up near rivers?

Rivers give water and a way to travel.

Rivers stop all floods.

Rivers make the land very dry.

Rivers keep towns warm in winter.

8. Which resource is renewable, meaning nature can replace it?

oil from the ground

coal from deep mines

trees, if new ones are planted

natural gas from wells

9. A coastal town catches too many fish. What could happen?

There will be more fish next year.

There will be fewer fish next year.

The town will catch more each year.

The fish will grow bigger.

10. Which resource in the ground helps a farming town grow crops?

stone wind coal rich soil