Natural Resources and Communities

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

Name _____ Date _____

Circle the answer.

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

   plant grass to hold the soil

   plow up the grass before storms

   leave the fields bare all year

   dig up all the plants

2. 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.

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

   trees, if new ones are planted

   natural gas from wells

   coal from deep mines

   oil from the ground

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

   The town will catch more each year.

   There will be more fish next year.

   There will be fewer fish next year.

   The fish will grow bigger.

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

   coal stone wind rich soil

6. What is one challenge of using sunlight for power?

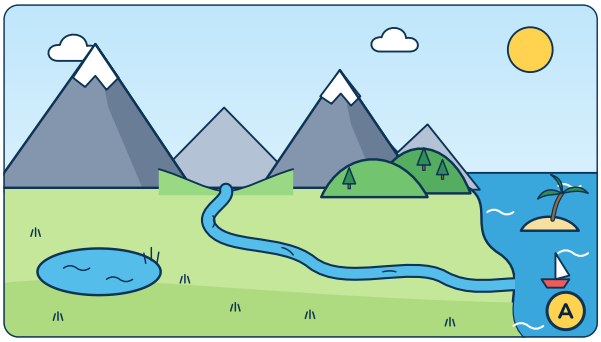
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It will run out in a few years.

It makes the air very dirty.

It can only be used in winter.

7. Look at the picture. Many jobs in a town near A come from the water. Which job fits best?



fishing cutting timber farming wheat mining coal

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

It turns into salt water at night.

River water is never safe to drink.

It can get dirty or be used up.

River water never changes.

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

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

fish: building houses

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

ocean waves coal sunlight wind

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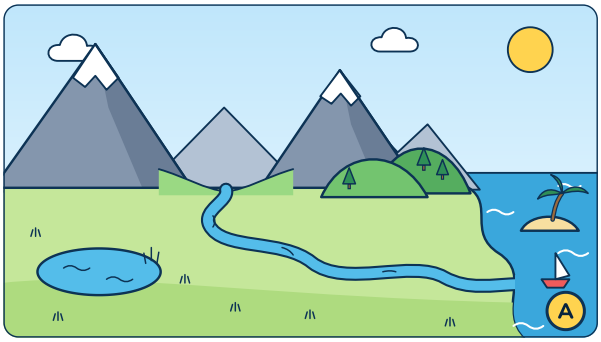
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