Natural Resources and Communities

Grade 3 Social Studies Worksheet

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Circle the answer.

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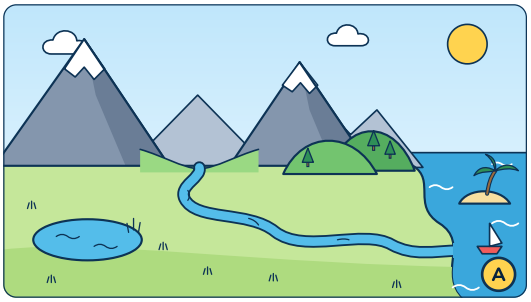
   It makes less power at night.

   It will run out in a few years.

   It makes the air very dirty.

   It can only be used in winter.

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



   cutting timber fishing mining coal farming wheat

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

   River water is never safe to drink.

   It can get dirty or be used up.

   River water never changes.

   It turns into salt water at night.

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

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

   wind: catching fish

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

   sunlight coal wind ocean waves

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

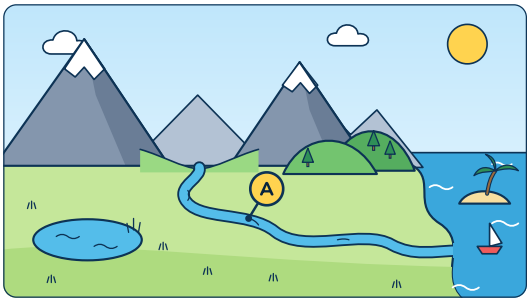
   cut down forests

   build fishing docks

   build wind turbines for power

   dig wells for oil

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



moving water burning coal wind sunlight

8. 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

9. Why do many towns grow up near rivers?

Rivers stop all floods.

Rivers keep towns warm in winter.

Rivers give water and a way to travel.

Rivers make the land very dry.

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

coal from deep mines

trees, if new ones are planted

natural gas from wells

oil from the ground

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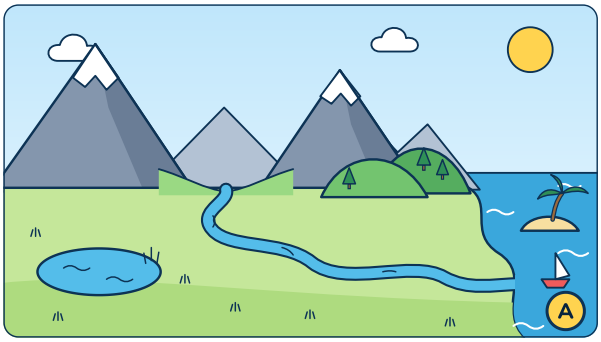
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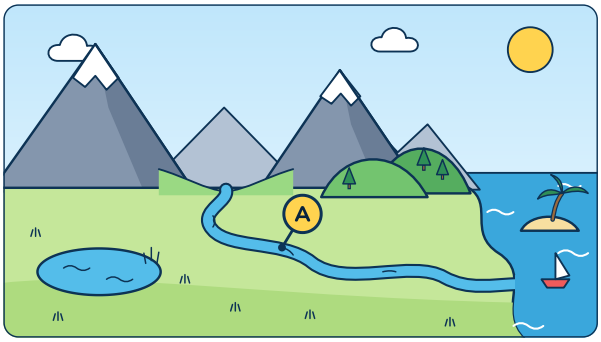
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