

Saving the Earth

Summary

Land, water, and air are important to all living things. People can help save these natural resources by learning to reduce, reuse, and recycle. People can reduce by turning off lights, using less water, and walking instead of riding. They can reuse by saving grocery bags, passing along used clothing, or finding different uses for a thing. They can recycle paper, glass, plastic, and metal. All these things can be made into new things. By working together, people can help protect the Earth and its natural resources.

Before Reading

Take a Picture Walk

Build background for the book by taking a picture walk with children. Discuss the pictures and preview the key vocabulary and concepts. Invite children to talk about ways they work with their families or friends to help protect the Earth.

Vocabulary

clay, erosion, humus, minerals, natural resource, rocks, sand, weathering, compost, containers, fertilizer, recycle, reduce, reuse, trash

Comprehension Skill: Important Details

Say: This book tells how people can help save the Earth. As you read, look for important details that tell what you can do to help save and protect the Earth and its resources.

During Reading

Think Critically

Have children answer the *What Did You Learn?* questions located on the inside back cover of their book.

- 1. What are some things that you use that can be recycled?** Answers may include paper, magazines, plastic bottles, cardboard boxes, and aluminum cans.
- 2. What is something that you could reuse?** Answers may include lunch box, shopping bag, clothing, or things for art such as paper rolls, plastic bottles, and scraps of paper.

After Reading

Writing in Science

There are many ways to reduce the resources you use. Write to name some of the ways to do this. Use words from the book as you write.

Organize Information

Graphic Organizer: Important Details Have children complete the Important Details chart on the BLM for this Leveled Reader to answer the question.

Related Resources

Vocabulary Cards	Equipment Kit
Every Student Learns	Activity Flipchart
Quick Study	LabZone
Big Book of Science Songs and CD	
Graphic Organizer Transparencies	
Quick Activity Transparency	
www.pearsonsuccessnet.com	

Write your answers.

1. Why is it important to take care of natural resources?
It is important to take care of natural resources because some could run out.
2. What are the three R's?
The three R's are reduce, reuse, and recycle.
3. How does recycling paper save trees?
Paper is made from trees. Recycling paper means cutting down fewer trees.
4. How can you tell if something you buy can be recycled?
Use the graphic organizer to help you.

Possible answer:

Important Details

