

The Earth

Summary

The Earth has many natural resources. Water and air are natural resources that all living things need. Rocks and soil are natural resources. Rocks are made of minerals. Soil is made up of clay, sand, humus, air, and water. Different plants grow in different soils. The plants are natural resources, too. We use some plants for food. We use trees for wood. Erosion and weathering change the Earth. People change the Earth, too. They cause pollution by putting harmful things into the land, air, or water. People can also help the Earth. They can make less pollution. They can reuse and recycle.

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 natural resources they use.

Vocabulary

boulder, erosion, minerals, natural resource, pollution, recycle, sand, weathering

Comprehension Skill: Picture Clues

Say: Pictures can help us learn more about things. As you read, look at the pictures in this book to see how people use different natural resources.

During Reading

Think Critically

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

- 1. Where is water found on Earth?** Water is found in ponds, rivers, lakes, oceans, and seas.
- 2. What are rocks made of?** Rocks are made of minerals.

After Reading

Writing in Science

There are different kinds of soil. Write to explain the ways soil can be different. Use words from the book as you write.

Organize Information

Graphic Organizer: Picture Clues Have children complete the Picture Clues chart on the BLM for this Leveled Reader to tell what the picture on page 14 shows about the way weathering works on rocks.

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	
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Write your answers.

1. What are some ways people use rocks?
People use rocks to make roads and buildings.
2. Name two ways people use plants.
People use plants to build houses and as food.
3. How do people harm the Earth?
People harm Earth by putting bad things into the land, air, or water.
4. What does the picture on page 14 show about the way weathering works on rocks?
Use the graphic organizer to help you.

Possible answer:

Picture Clues

