



Natural Resources and Human Impact

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Grade: Grade 4

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Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

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- A resource that cannot be replaced quickly by nature is called _____.
- People burn _____ to power cars, trucks, and many airplanes today.
- Fossil fuels took about _____ of years to form deep inside Earth.

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2. Name two ways people use fossil fuels every day.

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Rewrite: Oil and natural gas can run out because their supply on Earth is limited.

3. Fix the sentence: Fossil fuels are made from rocks that grow back inside Earth every year.

Rewrite: Fossil fuels are made from ancient plants and animals buried for millions of years.

Part B: Fill in the Blank

Write the missing word or number on each line.

- Coal, oil, and natural gas are called fossil fuels because they formed long ago.
- A resource that cannot be replaced quickly by nature is called nonrenewable.
- People burn gasoline to power cars, trucks, and many airplanes today.
- Fossil fuels took about millions of years to form deep inside Earth.

Part C: Short Answer

Answer each question in one or two complete sentences.

1. Why are fossil fuels considered nonrenewable resources?

Fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas are nonrenewable because they took millions of years to form from buried plants and animals. People are using them much faster than nature can replace them, so the supply on Earth keeps getting smaller each year and could one day run out.

2. Name two ways people use fossil fuels every day.

People burn gasoline made from oil to run cars, buses, and trucks for transportation. They also burn natural gas or coal at power plants to make electricity that lights Grade 4 classrooms, heats homes during winter, and runs televisions, refrigerators, and computers across the country.
