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Natural and Man-Made Resources
Lexile 320L

1. Natural resources are things found in nature. They help us meet our needs. We need rocks for building things. We need soil for growing things. We need water and air to live.

2. Coal is a natural resource. It is found under the ground. We have to dig a tunnel to collect it. It is called a mine. Coal is a rock. We use it for electricity. We use it for heat.

3. Many natural resources are turned into manmade resources. We turn oil into gasoline. We turn it into plastic too.

4. Metals can also be found under the ground. They can be turned into manmade things. Cans are made from them. Baking pans are made from them. Coins are made from these metals also.

5. Trees are cut down for wood. They are turned into lumber. They are also turned into paper. They are manmade things. We get many other products from plants. The rubber plant can be used to make tires. It can also be used to make boots. Also, it can be used for rubber bands. Cotton gives us fabric for clothing.

6. Animals can be used to make things. Leather is made from the hide of cows. It can be used for clothing and shoes. It is also used for furniture. Wool comes from sheep. It can be made into yarn. You can use it to make sweaters and socks.

7. Look at things around you. Can you tell which natural resources were used to make them?

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1   Rocks, soil, air, and water are examples of -

   A   Manmade resources

   B   Breakfast resources

   C   Natural resources

   D   Human resources

2   What do paper and house lumber have in common?

   A   Both are manmade resources

   B   Both come from trees

   C   Both help us meet our needs

   D   All of the above

3   Which natural resource is burned in making electricity and heat?

   A   Coal

   B   Soil

   C   Air

   D   None of the above

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4 All of the following are manmade resources, **EXCEPT** -

    A Fabric

    B Coins

    C Corn

    D Plastic

5 The author's purpose in writing this text was to -

    A Entertain you

    B Persuade you

    C Shock you

    D Inform you