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# Limited Resources

Natural resources are things that we use that come from Earth. Our natural resources are limited. This means that they will not last forever. Some are renewable, like when you plant a new tree when you cut one down. Others are not renewable, like when you dig coal out of the ground. Once it is used, it is gone.

People are aware of the fact that Earth's natural resources are limited, and can do things to help conserve those resources. When you try to conserve a natural resource, you try to use less of it so it does not get used up so fast. One way that people conserve fuel, like gasoline, is by riding a bicycle or walking when the distance is short instead of driving everywhere.

Water is a very important natural resource because we all need it to stay alive. We can conserve water by making sure that our pipes and faucets do not leak. We can also conserve water by making smart choices, like only using the dishwasher or washing machine when they are full.



An oil well pump, called a pumpjack, lifts oil from underground to the surface. Oil is a natural resource that is not renewable.

## Write Now

Explain ways that we conserve natural resources. Include quotations from the text to support your answer.

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