



What Are Some Natural Resources?



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A woman is sitting on large grey rocks by the edge of a blue lake. In the background, there are green hills and two blue tents. The scene is outdoors under a clear blue sky. Yellow arrows point from text boxes to various elements in the scene: one points to the tents, another to the water, and others to the surrounding landscape.

not natural resources

natural resources

Natural resources come from nature.
We use natural resources.



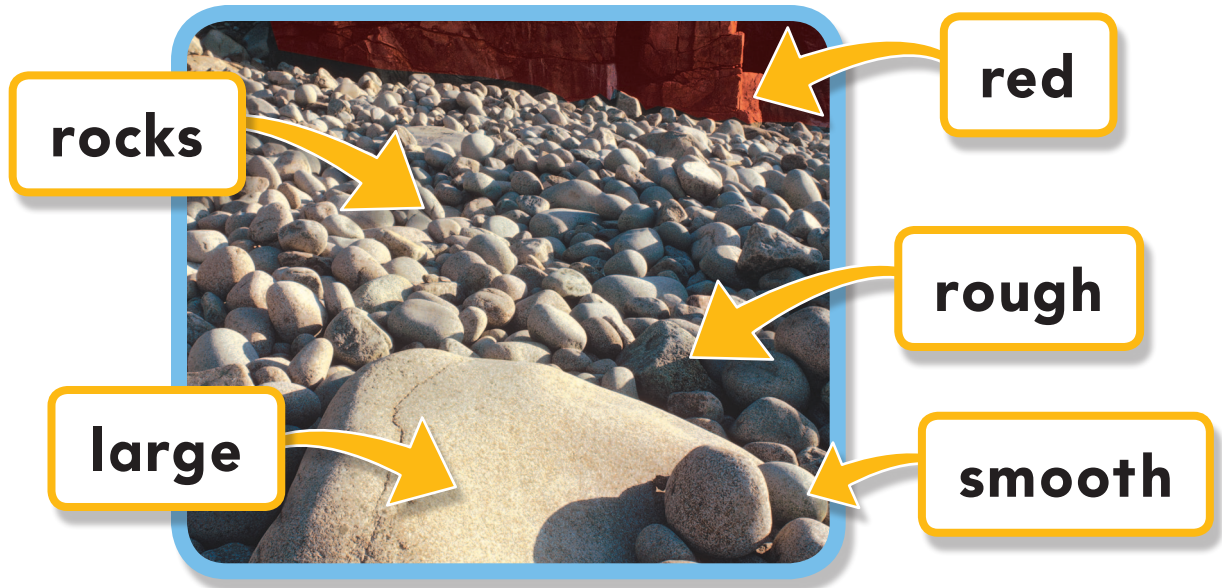
clear



cloudy

Water is a natural resource.

We can say water is clear or cloudy.
We can say water is blue or brown.



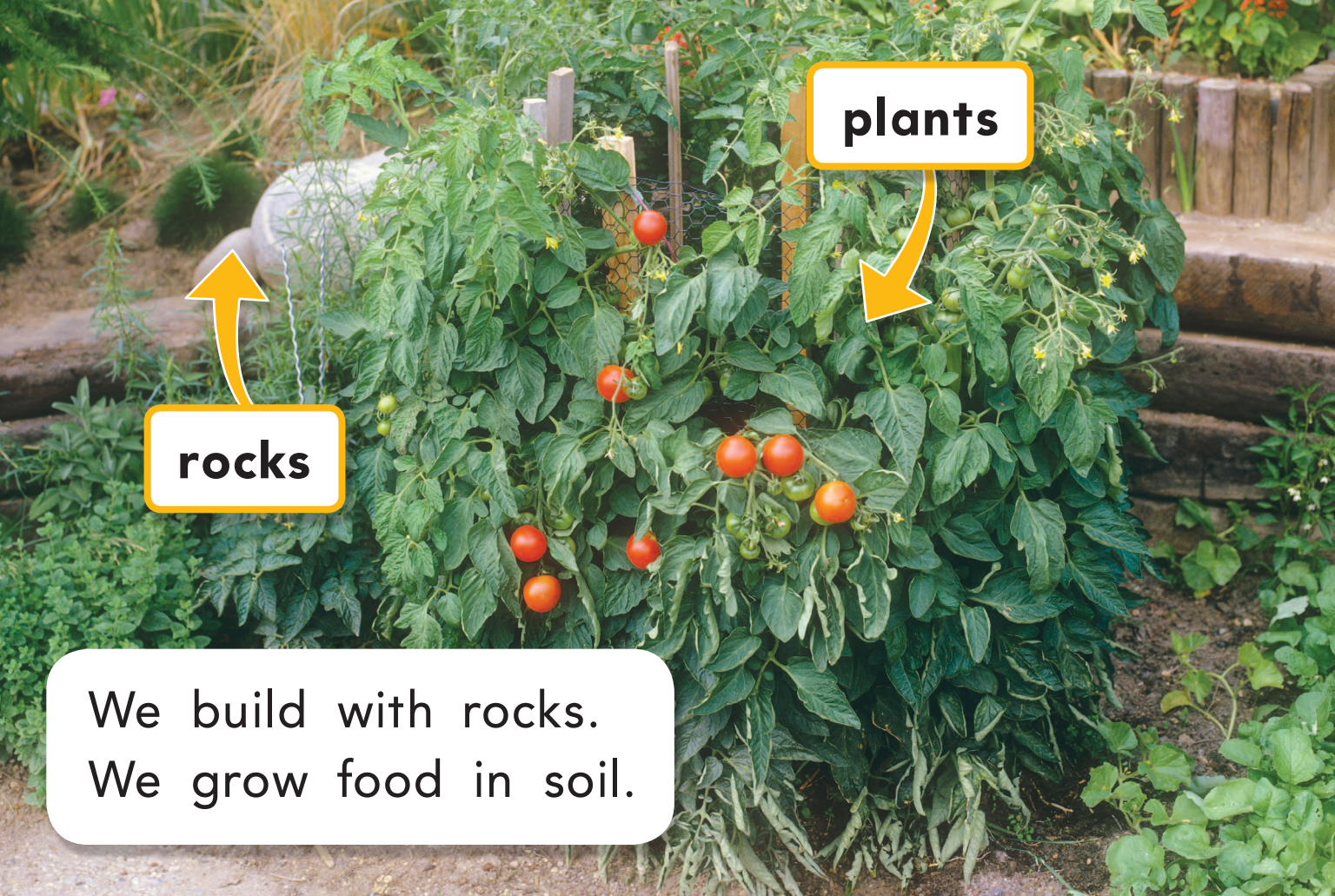
We describe rocks by how they look and feel.
We describe their color, size, and shape.



plant

soil

We grow plants in soil.
We eat plants for food.



rocks

plants

We build with rocks.
We grow food in soil.



recycle



reuse

natural resources



dispose

We are careful with natural resources. We can recycle, reuse, and dispose of things correctly.

Responding

Reuse a Natural Resource

Remind children that it is important to use, conserve, and dispose of natural resources wisely. Have pairs choose an item that might be considered trash, such as an empty water bottle, a used newspaper, or an egg carton. Discuss the natural resources used to make the item. Then ask pairs to share an idea about how they could reuse their item. Invite children to demonstrate their ideas.

Write About Natural Resources

Have children draw pictures to show examples of ways we use rocks, soil, and water.

Vocabulary

natural resources	soil
rocks	water



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