



# What Are Some Natural Resources?



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# natural resources

soil

water

rocks

Natural resources are things from nature. We use natural resources.

**clear water**



**cloudy water**

We can describe what water looks like.  
We can tell what color water is.



We can describe rocks by their size and color.



soil

pumpkin

We eat plants that grow in soil.

A photograph of a tomato garden. In the background, there are large, light-colored rocks. In the foreground, there are several tomato plants with green leaves and some ripe red tomatoes. A wooden fence is visible behind the plants. Three yellow arrows point from labels to the scene: one to the rocks, one to a tomato, and one to the soil.

**rocks**

**food**

**soil**

We grow food in soil. We build with rocks.



**reuse**



**dispose**

We use natural resources wisely.



# Responding

## Identify Natural Resources

Help children recall some natural resources and how we use them. Then have each child name something in the classroom or around the school and discuss whether it is made from a natural resource and why. Then have them consider how each item could be reused, recycled, or disposed of wisely.

## Write About Natural Resources

Write the following sentences on the board. Have children help you complete them to give examples of ways we use rocks, soil, and water.

We use rocks to \_\_\_\_\_.

We use soil to \_\_\_\_\_.

We use water to \_\_\_\_\_.

## Vocabulary

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rocks

water



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