

## Reading Passage

**Instruction: Read the following passage and answer the questions according to the information given in the passage.**

1 Natural resources are all the things on Earth that **support** life. Plants, animals, air and water are natural resources. Natural resources are also things that people use to make life easier. Your life is easier because you can ride in a bus **powered** by gasoline. You can cook your dinner in a microwave oven powered by electricity. People use natural resources to make gasoline and electricity. People use many natural resources to make **their** lives easier. These natural resources have different kinds. Some natural resources are renewable, and some resources are non-renewable.

2 Renewable resources can be replaced. Plants are renewable resources. Plants might get cut down, but **they** can grow back. Animals are renewable resources. They can reproduce. Solar energy is a renewable resource. Solar energy comes from the Sun. No matter how much solar energy you use, there will always be more. Wind, water and soil are also renewable resources.

3 Nonrenewable resources cannot be replaced easily. Fossil fuels are nonrenewable resources. Coal, oil and natural gas are fossil fuels. Fossil fuels come from plants and animals that died millions of years ago. We are using up fossil fuels much faster than Earth can replace them. Ores come from rocks that formed millions of years ago. We use ores to make metals. Ores cannot be replaced.

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1. Which of the following can be the best title for the reading passage?

- A. [Renewable Resources](#)
- B. [Natural Resources](#)
- C. [Nonrenewable Resources](#)
- D. [Sources of Resources](#)

A. Renewable Resources

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. Natural Resources

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The passage discusses various types of natural resources, so "Natural Resources" is the most appropriate title.

C. Nonrenewable Resources

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. Sources of Resources  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

2. "...all the things on Earth that support life."(Paragraph 1) the word 'support' means

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- A. [help](#)
- B. [control](#)
- C. [change](#)
- D. [manage](#)

A. help

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: "Support" means to help or assist, so "help" is the best synonym in this context.



B. control  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. change  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. manage  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

3. The word 'powered' in paragraph 1 means \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. [forced](#)
- B. [added](#)
- C. [supplied](#)
- D. [mechanized](#)

A. forced  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. added

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. supplied

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: "Powered" means supplied with energy, so "supplied" is the correct choice.

D. mechanized  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)



4. What does the possessive pronoun 'their' refer in paragraph 1?

- A. [the people who use different kinds of natural resources](#)
- B. [the people who use natural resources to make lives easier](#)
- C. [the people who use natural resources to make electricity](#)
- D. [the people who use natural resources to make gasoline](#)

A. the people who use different kinds of natural resources  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. the people who use natural resources to make lives easier

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The possessive pronoun "their" refers to the people mentioned earlier in the paragraph who use natural resources to make their lives easier.

C. the people who use natural resources to make electricity  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. the people who use natural resources to make gasoline  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

5. The pronoun 'they' in paragraph 2 refers to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. [plants](#)
- B. [renewable resources](#)
- C. [animals](#)
- D. [nonrenewable resources](#)

A. plants

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. renewable resources

Incorrect [Try Again](#)



C. animals

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The pronoun "they" refers to "animals" mentioned earlier in the paragraph.

D. nonrenewable resources

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

6. According to the writer's point of discussion, animals are categorized under renewable resources because they \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. [are replaceable resources](#)
- B. [can protect themselves](#)
- C. [are living together](#)
- D. [can reproduce](#)

A. are replaceable resources

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. can protect themselves  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. are living together  
Incorrect [Try Again](#)

D. can reproduce

Correct [Next Question](#)

Explanation: The passage states that animals are renewable resources because they can reproduce, meaning they can replace themselves.

7. The writer explains in paragraph 3 about \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. [natural resources](#)
- B. [animals and plants](#)
- C. [nonrenewable resources](#)
- D. [renewable resources](#)



A. natural resources

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

B. animals and plants

Incorrect [Try Again](#)

C. nonrenewable resources

Correct

Explanation: Paragraph 3 focuses on nonrenewable resources, which cannot be easily replaced.

***THE END***

D. renewable resources

Incorrect [Try Again](#)