



INTERACTIVITY

# THE WORLD Around Us

Natural resources help us survive on Earth. Land, water, and plants are natural resources found in an environment. A renewable natural resource can be replaced. A nonrenewable natural resource is in limited supply.

Watch this video to learn more about natural resources.

**LAND:** Less than one-third of Earth is land. We need land to grow food. Soil is a renewable resource, but it can wear out if overused. We know how to irrigate, or keep watered, dry land so more plants can grow.



WATCH

“Enjoying Our Environment”



**Weekly Question**

**Why should we appreciate our environment?**

**Turn and Talk** What natural resources are discussed in the text and the video? What characteristics of each element helped you learn about the topic? Why should we be grateful for natural resources? Make connections to your personal experiences. Discuss your ideas with a partner and take notes.

**WATER:** More than two-thirds of Earth's surface is water. Ocean plants make oxygen for us to breathe. Rivers, lakes, and streams are sources of fresh water for drinking.

**PLANTS:** Trees help keep the air clean. Trees make oxygen. Forests provide habitats for animals. Trees are a renewable resource if we replant what we use.