

The Earth's Resources





- About 71% of the Earth's surface is covered by water.
- The oceans hold about 96.5% of all the Earth's water.
- Fresh water can be found in glaciers, rivers, lakes and under the ground.
- Water is found in the atmosphere and in the air you breathe.
- An adult's body is made up of up to 60% water!

- Trees are a valuable renewable resource. New forests can be planted to replace those that have been logged for timber.
- Wood chips can be used as fuel for biomass energy production.



- Natural gas, oil and coal, the remnants of ancient forests can be mined from rock layers under the ground.
- These resources are considered non-renewable because once they are used up they cannot be replaced.



- The Earth's surface is rich in minerals, metals and metal ores.
- People have been conducting mining operations since ancient times.
- Mineral resources can be mined using surface and underground mining techniques.



- Electricity can be produced using the Earth's natural processes. These include solar radiation, geothermal energy and the movement of air and water on the Earth's surface.

