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Natural Resources of the Five Regions: Ore, Oil, Soil and Sea

Directions: Each question comes with a table. It lists natural resources by region, using the five-region model.

Natural Resources by Region

Natural resources in the five regions of the United States (five-region model), with one example from each region

Region	Some natural resources found there	One example
Northeast	Forests, stone such as granite, and fish and shellfish from the Atlantic Ocean	Lobsters caught off the coast of Maine
Southeast	Forests, coal, phosphate rock, and fish and shrimp	Phosphate rock dug from mines in Florida
Midwest	Rich soil, fresh water and iron ore	Iron ore dug from the Mesabi Range in Minnesota
Southwest	Oil, natural gas, copper and strong sunshine	Copper dug from mines in Arizona
West	Forests, fish, gold and oil	Oil pumped from Alaska's North Slope

1. What is a natural resource?

A. A thing people make in a factory
B. A law that protects a park
C. A thing from nature that people use
D. A tool that farmers buy at a store

2. Miners dig iron ore from the Mesabi Range in Minnesota. Steel mills use the ore to make steel. Which of these is the natural resource?

A. The steel
B. The steel mill
C. A steel bridge
D. The iron ore

3. Match each example to its region in the five-region model.

Write the letter of the matching answer on each line.

1. _____ Lobsters caught off the coast of Maine
2. _____ Phosphate rock dug from mines in Florida
3. _____ Iron ore dug from the Mesabi Range in Minnesota
4. _____ Copper dug from mines in Arizona
5. _____ Oil pumped from Alaska's North Slope

A. Northeast
B. West
C. Southeast
D. Great Plains
E. Midwest
F. Southwest

4. Some resources can come back after people use them. They are called renewable. Which one from the table is renewable?

A. Coal, because there is a lot of it

B. Copper, because mines are very deep

C. Forests, because people can plant new trees

D. Oil, because it is a liquid

5. Which example in the table is a living thing?

A. Lobsters caught off the coast of Maine

B. Copper dug from mines in Arizona

C. Phosphate rock dug from mines in Florida

D. Oil pumped from Alaska's North Slope

6. Coal and oil are nonrenewable resources. Why?

A. They can be used only in summer.

B. They are found in only one state.

C. They grow back each spring.

D. They took a very long time to form, so they cannot be replaced quickly.

7. The Southwest has lots of strong sunshine. What do solar panels make directly from sunlight?

A. Electricity B. Fresh water C. Copper wire D. Rich soil

8. Fill in the two resources these workers use.

Word bank
copper • soil • granite • oil

Midwest farmers grow corn and soybeans in rich _____. Miners in Arizona dig up _____, a metal used to make wires.

9. Three rows in the table list forests. Which of these products is commonly made from wood fibers?

A. Copper wire B. Glass C. Paper D. Steel