

Section 6–2 Renewable and Nonrenewable Resources (pages 144–149)

13. Complete the table about types of environmental resources.

TYPES OF ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES

Type of Resource	Definition	Examples
Renewable resources		
Nonrenewable resources		

Sustainable Use (page 145)

14. What is sustainable use? _____

15. How do human activities affect renewable resources? _____

Land Resources (page 145)

16. What is fertile soil? _____

17. The uppermost layer of soil is called _____.

18. What is soil erosion? _____

19. How does plowing the land increase the rate of soil erosion? _____

Forest Resources (page 146)

20. Why have forests been called the “lungs of the Earth”? _____

21. Why are forests in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest called old-growth forests? _____

Ocean Resources (page 147)

22. For what resources are the Earth’s oceans particularly valuable? _____

23. The practice of harvesting fish faster than they can reproduce is called _____

24. What is one approach to sustainable use of fisheries? _____

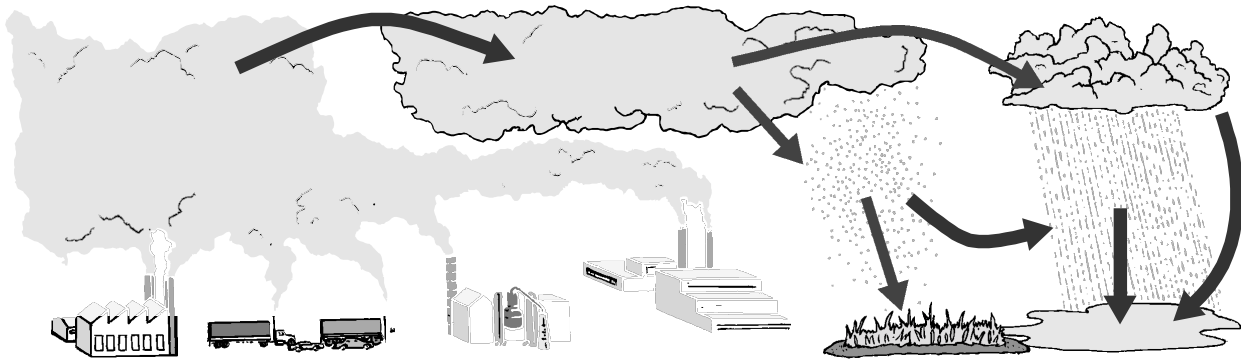
Air Resources (page 148)

25. How does the burning of fossil fuels affect air quality? _____

26. Microscopic particles of ash and dust in the air that can cause health problems are called _____.

27. What does acid rain contain that kills plants and harms soil? _____

28. Complete the illustration by writing the names of the processes that lead to the formation of acid rain.



Water Resources (page 149)

29. Why are protecting water supplies from pollution and managing demand for water major priorities? _____

30. What is domestic sewage, and how does it threaten water supplies? _____

31. Why can conservation in agriculture save large amounts of water? _____
