



Earth

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 British English

1 Earth's natural resources

Match the natural resources on the left to their uses on the right.

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| 1. coal | a. building material |
| 2. oil | b. deep-sea diving |
| 3. phosphorus | c. electricity production |
| 4. iron | d. fertiliser production |
| 5. timber | e. fuel for motor vehicles |
| 6. copper | f. manufacturing steel |
| 7. soil | g. nourishing plants |
| 8. helium | h. wiring |

What other natural resources does the Earth have? What are their uses?

2 Words to describe the ground

Complete the gaps below with the correct words.

boggy **heavy** **peaty** **pebbled** **sandy** **waterlogged**

1. It's very _____ around here. Be careful, it's easy to sink into this soft ground.
2. The pitch was completely _____ after the storm so the match was cancelled.
3. This _____ soil will be good for the plants but we can also use it as fuel.
4. There are some rocky beaches nearby but, you'll have to travel a bit further for a _____ one.
5. The ground is very _____ here. It's very difficult to walk though.
6. I don't like _____ beaches. The small stones always get stuck in my shoes.

What things can you find in soil?

Think about both living and non-living things.

3 Landscapes

Match the words to the pictures of geographical features.

a canyon

a dust bowl

a river basin

foothills

moorland

salt flats



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



5. _____



6. _____

Have you seen any of these features? If so, where?

Now, match the words to the definitions below.

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| 1. a ridge | a. a hill of sand in a desert or close to a beach |
| 2. a ravine | b. a large area of flat land higher than the land around it |
| 3. a peak | c. a long narrow edge with sloping sides, especially on a mountain |
| 4. a mound | d. a long, narrow, flat piece of land that goes out into the sea |
| 5. a spit | e. a mountain or the pointed top of it |
| 6. a dune | f. a narrow, deep valley with steep sides |
| 7. a tributary | g. a small hill, especially a man-made one |
| 8. a plateau | h. a small river or stream that flows into a larger one |

Now, choose synonyms for the words below from the words 1-8 above. There can be more than one correct answer.

a gorge

a plain

a crest

an embankment

4 Earth phrases

Match the underlined phrases to their definitions.

1. The deal is done and dusted. There is no going back now.
 2. You really shouldn't treat him like dirt. He does a lot of things for you.
 3. Simone is a very down-to-earth person. She doesn't pretend to be something she's not.
 4. Could you keep your ear to the ground at work for me? Let me know if any jobs come up.
 5. These instructions are about as clear as mud. I have no idea how to put this cabinet together.
 6. The wedding doesn't have to cost the earth. You can do it on a budget.
 7. All these essays cover the same ground. None of the students have any original ideas.
 8. I expect Amy will dish the dirt on Ollie soon enough. She can never stay quiet for long.
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- a. behave towards (someone) in a way that shows you don't respect them
 - b. be very expensive
 - c. completely finished
 - d. confusing and difficult to understand
 - e. explore something that has already been looked at
 - f. gossip about (someone)
 - g. natural and genuine
 - h. pay attention to what is happening

Now, answer the questions below in pairs or small groups.

1. What was the last thing you bought that 'cost the earth'?
2. When was the last time you were glad that something was 'done and dusted'?
3. Who do you know that is 'down-to-earth'?