

Name _____

Earth's Resources
Conserving resources

Conservation Counts

Read the passage.

Find a word in the word bank that could replace each number.

Write the word on the matching line below.
Use each word only once.



People use a lot of Earth's (1). Sometimes people (2) resources away. But many things people throw away can be conserved or (3). Conserving makes a resource last a lot (4).

One way people can help (5) resources is to recycle. When people (6), resources can be processed and used again. For example, (7) aluminum cans can be processed into (8) cans.

Recycling also helps save (9) and reduce (10). Reusing resources saves the energy needed to find and produce new resources. Making new (11) can pollute the air and water. Sometimes making materials from recycled items causes (12) pollution.

Word Bank		
conserve	materials	resources
energy	new	saved
less	pollution	throw
longer	recycle	used

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| 1. _____ | 7. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____ |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

Bonus Box Write two things you and your family can do to conserve resources.

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