

# Sustainability: Protecting Our Planet

*Learning objective: To understand the meaning of sustainability and identify ways to protect the environment for the future.*

Read the passage below carefully, then answer the questions that follow using full sentences.

Finn the dolphin has spent years mapping the world's oceans, but lately, he has noticed some worrying changes. Sustainability means using our planet's resources wisely so that there is enough left for future generations. If we use everything up today, we leave nothing for the children of tomorrow. For example, when we use energy, we should try to choose renewable sources like wind or solar power, rather than burning fossil fuels that cannot be replaced once they are gone. Finn also explains that small actions make a big difference. By recycling plastic bottles, reducing our food waste, and choosing to walk or cycle instead of using a car for short journeys, we help to protect natural habitats. Every piece of litter we pick up prevents harm to wildlife. Practising sustainability is like looking after a shared garden; if everyone works together to weed, water, and care for it, the garden will continue to bloom for years to come. By making thoughtful choices today, we ensure that the Earth remains a healthy and vibrant home for all living creatures.

*Word bank: Sustainability · renewable · resources · conservation · environment · biodiversity*

**1. According to the passage, what is the definition of sustainability? (2 marks)**

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**2. List two examples of renewable energy mentioned by Finn the dolphin. (2 marks)**

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**3. Why does Finn compare sustainability to looking after a shared garden? (2 marks)**

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**4. What does the author mean by saying we should not use everything up today? (2 marks)**

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**5. Do you think it is important for children to learn about sustainability? Give one reason to justify your opinion. (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a poster showing Finn the dolphin in a clean, healthy ocean, surrounded by examples of sustainable habits like recycling or solar panels.



*Extension challenge: Research one item in your home that can be recycled. Write a short paragraph explaining what happens to that item after it is placed in the recycling bin.*