

Sustainability: Protecting Our Planet

Learning objective: To write a balanced report on how we can live more sustainably to protect the Earth's resources.

Use the writing frame below to structure your report. Remember to use formal language, subheadings, and persuasive arguments to explain why sustainability is vital for our future.

Sustainability means meeting our own needs today without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Word bank: furthermore · consequently · renewable energy · biodiversity · in addition · on the other hand · finite resources · sustainability · carbon footprint · nevertheless · consequently

1. Introduction: Define sustainability and explain why it is important for the future of the planet. Start with: Sustainability is a crucial concept because... (2 marks)

2. Energy Sources: Describe the difference between renewable and non-renewable energy. Start with: One of the main ways to live sustainably is to change how we produce energy. For example... (3 marks)

3. Reducing Waste: Explain the importance of the 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' approach. Start with: Another key aspect of sustainability involves managing our waste effectively. We can do this by... (3 marks)

4. Local Impact: Suggest one change a person could make in their daily life to help the environment. Start with: On a smaller scale, individuals can make a positive difference by... (2 marks)

5. Conclusion: Summarise your main points and provide a final thought on our responsibility to the Earth. Start with: In conclusion, if we all work together to make these changes... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are Finn the dolphin. Write a short paragraph explaining how plastic pollution in the ocean affects marine life and what humans can do to help keep the seas clean.