Year 3 Geography: Caring for Our Planet

Learning objective: To understand sustainability, the importance of recycling, and how our choices impact the natural world.

Read each question carefully. Use your best handwriting and explain your answers clearly. Good luck!

Finn the dolphin has noticed that the oceans are becoming crowded with plastic items that do not belong there. Finn wants to teach his friends that everything we use comes from nature. Sustainability means using these gifts from the Earth carefully so that there is plenty left for the future. By recycling, reusing, and reducing what we throw away, we can help protect the homes of animals like Finn and the forests where Bea the honeybee lives.

Word bank: Sustainability · Recycle · Renewable · Waste · Natural resources · Environment · Conservation

1. Using the passage, define the word 'sustainability' in your own words. (2 marks)

2. List two natural resources that we should try to protect. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey wants to save money and help the planet. If he buys a reusable water bottle for £5.00 instead of buying 10 plastic bottles at £1.00 each, how much money does he save? Why is this a 'sustainable' choice? (4 marks)

4. Explain the difference between 'recycling' and 'reusing'. Give one example for each. (4 marks)

5. Why is it important for humans to look after the environment? Think about the animals and plants that live there. (4 marks)

6. Imagine you are an environmental hero. Write a short plan (5-6 sentences) explaining how your school could become more sustainable. Include ideas about energy, waste, or transport. (5 marks)

7. True or False: Using a plastic bag once and throwing it away is a sustainable habit. Explain your answer. (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a 'sustainable' town. Include things like solar panels, recycling bins, trees, and people cycling instead of driving cars.

Extension challenge: Total: /25