

## FUMC ESL 11-19-2015 Level 4 Lesson — Energy and Conservation

Natural resources are things your country has that can be used. Here are some examples of natural resources. Which resources does your country have?

In your country, does most of your energy come from coal, oil, wind power, natural gas, solar power or nuclear power?

Does your country encourage energy conservation? How do you save energy at home?

We create lots of trash in this country. We have many landfills that are full of trash. This is a big problem. Here are some ways to reduce trash. Which ones do you do?

1-use cloth diapers for baby

2-compost your kitchen garbage

3-don't buy or eat packaged foods

4-buy concentrated cleaning supplies and add water to them 5-use reusable shopping bags not paper or plastic

6-buy less stuff

7-bring your own mug to your favorite coffee shop

8-use rechargeable batteries

9-save and reuse tissue and gift wrap

10-make your own baby food

### Work with a partner or small group:

1-In some cities, it is illegal to use plastic or paper shopping bags. Customers must bring their own bags. Choose a partner. One of you argue in favor of outlawing paper and plastic bags. The other partner will argue against making this law.

2-Talk about recycling in your country. Do you have a recycling truck to pick up recycled goods at the curb? If not, how do you recycle goods?

3-Which of these conservation practices do you use:

+turn off lights when I leave the room

+turn off water while I brush my teeth

+buy energy efficient light bulbs

+fix leaky faucets

+carpool

+adjust the thermostat when you leave your apartment +wash clothes in cold water

+compost food scraps

+only run the dishwasher when it is full

4-Is it against the law to litter in your country? Do people throw trash on the street often? Do you think litterers should be fined? Are peoples views about littering changing in your country?

5-Some cities ban cars from the city center. Is this a good idea or a bad idea? Do you know of any cities where you can't drive into the city center?

6-How often is garbage collected in your country? How often is it collected here in your neighborhood?

7-What is the biggest source of pollution in your country? Do you feel the government is doing enough to prevent pollution?

In your large group talk about your small group discussions. What did you find out about your partners? Were you surprised by anything they said?

**Read one short paragraph silently. Then turn your paper over and tell the group what it said. No peeking. Ask the other students about your paragraph. Finally, turn your paper over and read the paragraph. Ask the students if you left out anything. Then choose another student and do the same with the next paragraph.**

Anna is an artist. She loves to paint. Every morning she goes out into the woods and paints the trees and flowers. Some Saturdays she sells her paintings at the crafts fair. But she doesn't care whether she sells anything or not. She paints because she loves it. Monetary gain is not important for Anna.

Frank lives in San Francisco. He loves living in the city because there are so many good restaurants. Every night he eats a different type of food. His favorites are Greek and Italian. But every Sunday he enjoys the Chinese buffet in a restaurant in Chinatown. For dessert, Frank always has ice cream. He loves peppermint ice cream with hot fudge sauce.

Marcia says all her friends have a cell phone. She wants a cell phone too. But Marcia's mother thinks it is a bad idea. She thinks Marcia will spend all her time texting her friends instead of doing her homework. Marcia's Dad thinks a cell phone for Marcia would be convenient. Then when Marcia is late, she can call and tell her parents. Her dad thinks he would worry less about Marcia if he could call her on a cell phone.