



Taking Care Of Our Earth



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Acre (a·cre)

Definition: A unit for measuring an area of land, equal to 4,840 square yards, or 4.047 square meters.

Example: This farmer owns an *acre* of land and grows many vegetables on it.



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Adapted

(a·dap·ted)

Definition: To change because you are in a new situation.

Example: In order to protect itself, the chameleon *adapted* to his environment by changing the color of his body to match the leaves.

Aluminum

(a·lu·mi·num)



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Amazon

(Am·a·zon)



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Cardboard

(card·board)



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Container

(con·tain·er)

Definition: Something, such as a bowl, a bag, a bottle, etc. that can be filled with smaller items.

Example: The food in these *containers* are being shipped to another country.



Photo: Food Storage.October, 2008. Taken by Greg Henshaw. Released into public domain by the Federal Emergency Management Agency .

Destroyed

(de·stroyed)

Definition: To damage something so badly that it no longer exists or cannot be repaired.

Example: A fire *destroyed* the field.



Ecosystem

(ec·o·sys·tem)

Definition: the environment and all the plants and animals in a place, that are all connected with each other.

Example: Fish, star fish, and coral are all part of a marine *ecosystem*.



Endangered

(en·dan·gered)

Definition: To put someone or something in a situation where they may be harmed.

Example: The snow leopard is one of the most *endangered* animals in the world.



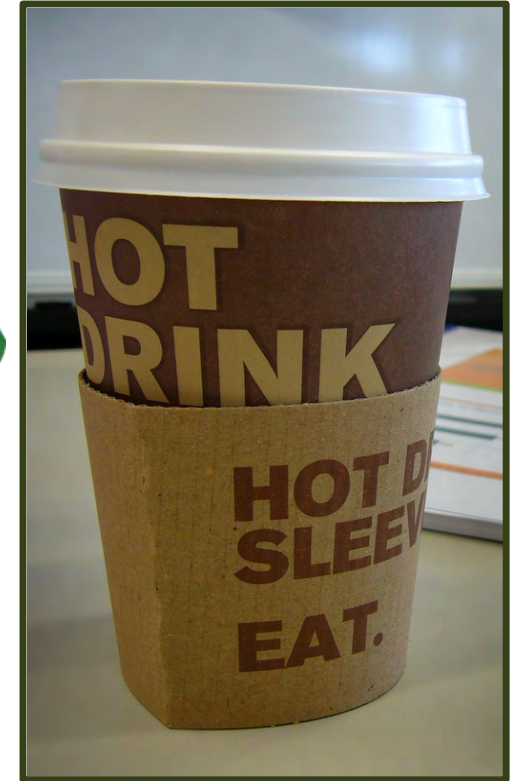
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Evergreen

(ev·er·green)

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Reduce

(re·duce)

Definition: To use less or to bring down to a smaller extent, size, amount, number, etc

Example: The boy cleans up the beach to *reduce* the garbage that can harm sea animals.



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Reusable

(re·us·a·ble)

Definition: To use something again, instead of throwing it away.

Example: Some plastic bags are thick enough to be *reusable*, but people mostly reuse cloth bags.

