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# Taking Care Of Our Earth



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# Adapted

A photograph of a bright green chameleon perched on a large green leaf. The chameleon is facing left, and its body is perfectly camouflaged against the leaf. The background is filled with various green plants and leaves, creating a dense, natural setting. The lighting is bright, highlighting the textures of the leaves and the chameleon's skin.

**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



# Amazon



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# Ecosystem

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*.



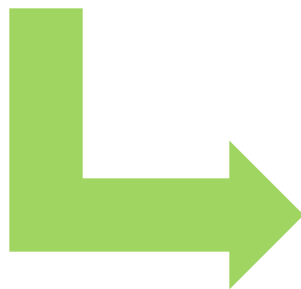
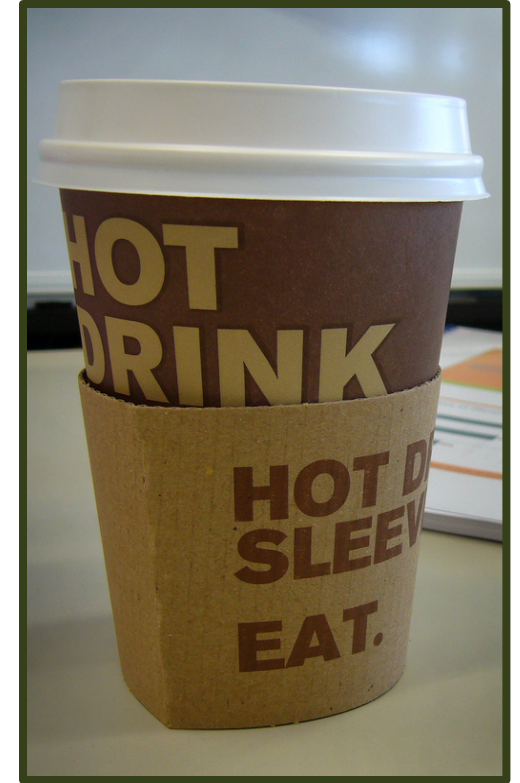
# Endangered

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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# Reusable

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





# Sugarcane



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# Evergreen



# Species

Definition: A group of animals or plants of the same kind that breed together to produce young animals or plants.

Example: Tigers are one of the many *species* of big cats.



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# Destroyed

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

Example: A fire *destroyed* the field.



# Acre

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.



# Reduce

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.

