Alabama at Work

How natural resources help people earn money

SS24.2.6 "Explain how Alabama's natural resources are utilized in its economy."

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1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline each natural resource in the passage. Circle words that show how people use each one to make or sell something.

From Nature to Work

1. In Alabama, tall pine trees grow in many forests. Workers cut some trees and take the logs to a mill. The mill makes boards from the wood. Builders buy the boards to make houses. This gives people jobs.

2. Alabama has rivers that flow past towns. At some dams, moving river water turns machines that make power. The power helps run shops and factories. People work at the dams and in the places that use the power.

3. Along Alabama's coast, fish live in the Gulf of Mexico. Fishers catch some fish and sell them at markets. Families buy the fish to eat. Catching and selling fish brings money to people who live near the coast.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. How do Alabama's trees help builders and workers?

2. How does Alabama's river water help shops and factories?

3. How do fish from Alabama's coast bring money to people?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Choose one resource from the passage. Write two sentences about a different thing an Alabama business could make or sell with it. Tell how the business would use the resource and how it could earn money.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline each natural resource in the passage. Circle words that show how people use each one to make or sell something. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How do Alabama's trees help builders and workers?	**Workers make boards from the trees, and builders buy the boards to make houses.**
2	How does Alabama's river water help shops and factories?	**Moving river water helps make power that runs shops and factories.**
3	How do fish from Alabama's coast bring money to people?	**Fishers catch fish and sell them at markets.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A shop could use Alabama wood to make toy blocks. Workers could sell the blocks to families and earn money.

For the marking job, accept trees or wood, river water, and fish as resources. Accept matching uses such as making boards, making power, and catching or selling fish. For Your Turn, accept a different product or use if both sentences explain a reasonable way to use the resource and earn money.