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# Classification of Natural Resources

Resources that are available in nature such as air, sunlight, water, soil and minerals are called natural resources. There are various ways of classifying natural resources.

## Source of Origin

**Biotic**  
Resources that are obtained from living things are known as biotic resources.  
Examples - forests, animals, etc.

**Abiotic**  
Resources that are obtained from non-living things are known as abiotic resources.  
Examples - land, water, solar energy, etc.

## Renewability

**Renewable**  
Resources that can be renewed naturally over a long period of time.  
Examples - water, solar energy, wind, etc.

**Non-Renewable**  
Non-renewable resources either form slowly or do not naturally form in the environment.  
Examples - minerals, fossil fuels, etc.

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**Actual**  
The resources that have been surveyed and their availability, quality and quantity is known as actual resources. Resources currently being utilized are called actual resources.

**Reserve**  
An actual resource which can be used profitably with the help of technological advancements is called a reserve.

**Potential**  
Resources that exist in a region, but are not yet identified or utilized due to lack of technology or technology to develop it, but can be developed in the future.

**Stock**  
An actual resource that is not yet developed due to technological advancements is categorized as stock.