



Sustainability -Word Bank

Word	Explanation
6Rs	Recycle, Reuse, Reduce, Refuse, Rethink, Repair
Sustainable resources	Those that can be maintained in the long term at a level that allows appropriate consumption by people.
Primary recycling	Second hand use of items, products being used again. Charity shops.
Secondary or Physical recycling	Waste materials are recycled into different products, sometimes left to biodegrade before being regenerated into something else. Woollen garments shredded and used for stuffing or industrial felting.
Tertiary or chemical recycling	Products broken down and reformulated. E.g: PET Plastic bottles recycled into fibres, spun into polyester to make fleece fabric. Car tyres -computer mats.
Life cycle	The stages a new product goes through, from conception to composition.
Eco Footprint	Refers to the measure of our actions on the environment.
Built- in obsolescence	Where a product has been designed to last a set period of time E.g. contemporary fashion.
Green Energy	Alternative energy sources that are considered environmentally friendly and non-polluting.
Ethical Trading Initiative (ETI)	An alliance of companies, promote and improve minimal working conditions.
Sweatshop	A business with poor working conditions.
Culture	The way people behave and relate to one another, set of norms, beliefs.
Carbon Footprint	A measure of the human impact on the environment- green house gases produced.
Organic resources	Grown or produced without chemical pesticides, fertilisers, dyes e.g. organic cotton
Globalisation	The manufacture of products in different parts of the world.
EU Ecolabel 	Official sign of environmental quality. Product will have a smaller environmental impact than other similar products.
Fair trade Mark 	Ensures farmers and workers in developing countries get fair and stable price as well as added premium to invest in their communities.

