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CHAPTER 01

Resources and Development



CHAPTER NOTES



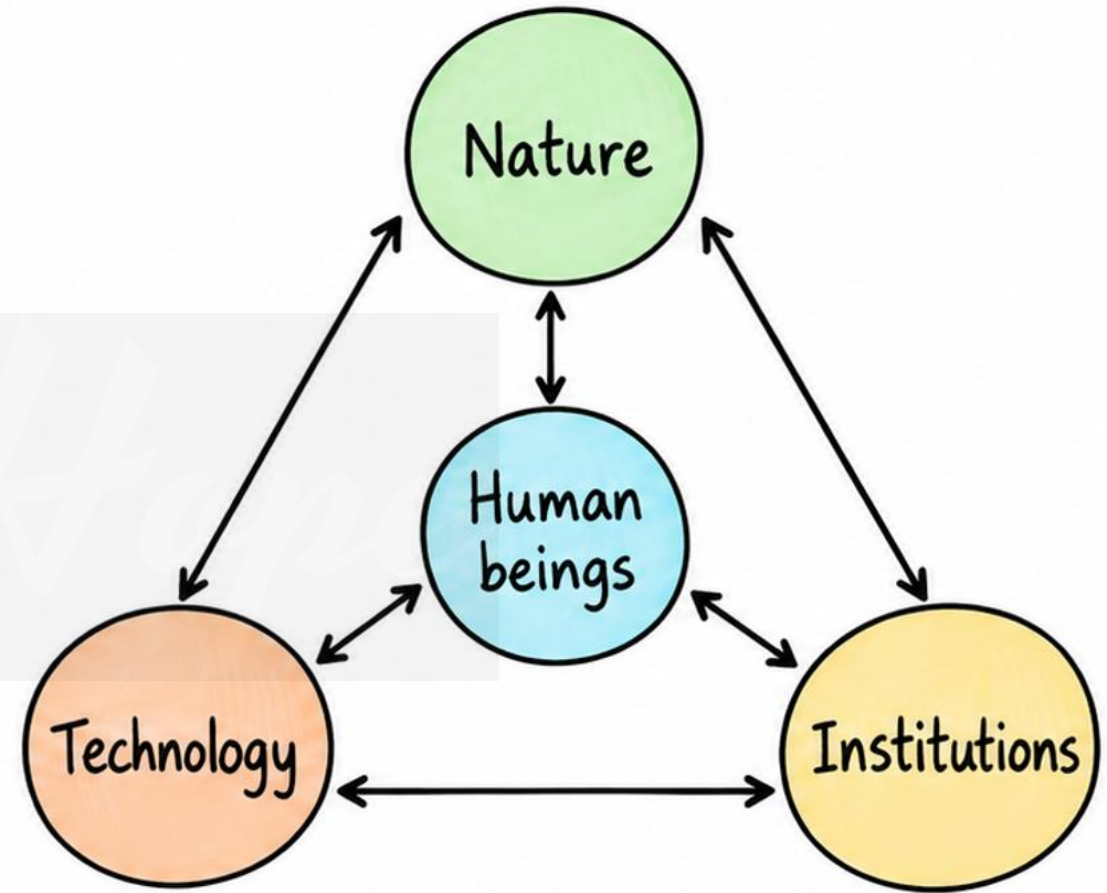
RESOURCES AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

A resource is something in our environment that can satisfy our needs. It must be technologically accessible, economically feasible and culturally acceptable.

Three conditions

- Technologically accessible: available technology allows us to use it.
- Economically feasible: using it is affordable.
- Culturally acceptable: society accepts its use.

Human beings are essential resources. They use technology to transform environmental materials into useful resources and create institutions that support economic development.



Resources develop through human activities and the interaction of nature, technology and institutions.

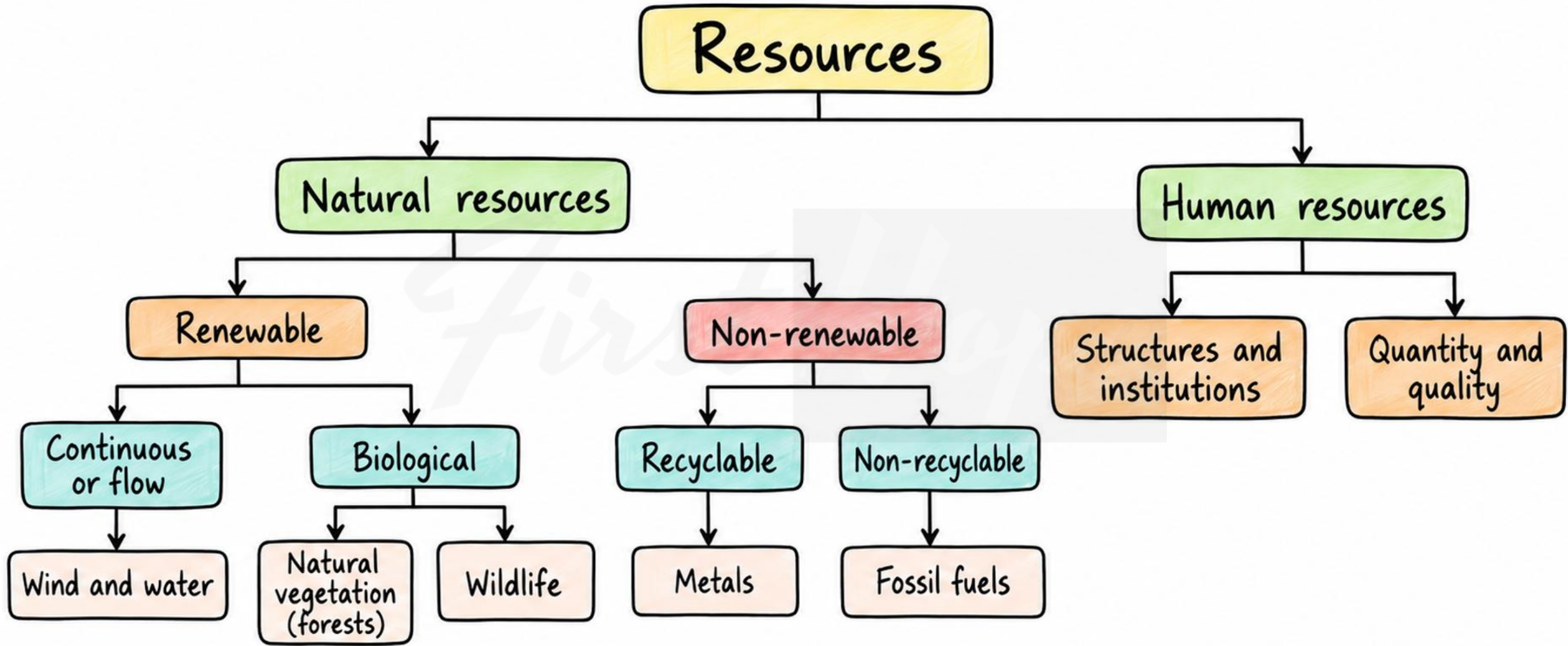
BASES OF RESOURCE CLASSIFICATION

Resources can be grouped in different ways. Each basis looks at a different feature.

Basis	What it considers	Categories
Origin	Where resources come from	Biotic and abiotic
Exhaustibility	Whether resources can run out	Renewable and non-renewable
Ownership	Who owns or controls resources	Individual, community, national and international
Status of development	How far resources have been identified and put to use	Potential, developed, stock and reserves

These are different bases of classification. They are not one sequence of stages.

NATURAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES



This diagram groups resources by their nature and renewability. Human abilities and institutions also support resource development.

RESOURCE USE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Problems of indiscriminate use

Resources support survival and improve the quality of life. Careless use causes serious problems.

- Resources become depleted when a few people use too much to satisfy their greed.
- Resources collect in a few hands, increasing the gap between the rich and the poor.
- Overexploitation causes global warming, ozone layer depletion, pollution and land degradation.

Sustainable development

Development should protect the environment and meet present needs without reducing the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

- Share resources fairly to support a good quality of life and global peace.
- Use resources carefully through resource planning.
- Protect the survival of all forms of life.

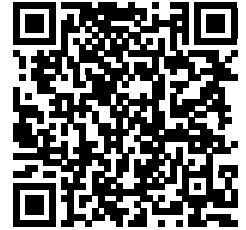


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