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True or false

Earth Overshoot Day is
the day when most
people were shot.

1.True or false

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False

In 2020, the natural resources that
our earth can renew annually were
used up on 22 August. This is known
as "Earth Overshoot Day". This
example shows that we are
overexploiting the natural resources
of our earth without thinking of
future generations.

1.True or false

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True or false

In 2020, over 6 billion tonnes of raw materials were used worldwide.

2.True or false

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True

Since 2010, the material footprint has remained relatively stable and was 6.1 billion tonnes in 2020. However, this is double the amount that was used 30 years ago.

2.True or false

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True or false

Organic food is always
sustainable!

3.True or false

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False

"Sustainable" and "organic" are distinct terms often used interchangeably. "Sustainable" food production considers economic, social, and environmental aspects to preserve resources and human health for the future. "Organic" refers to certain aspects of production and storage, including restrictions on synthetic pesticides and fertilizers. "Sustainability" encompasses broader considerations such as economic and social factors.

3.True or false

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True or false

An average of 2,495
liters of water is used to
make a
250-gram cotton T-shirt.

4. True or false

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True

Textile industry consumes
a lot of water annually.

4. True or false

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True or false

There are 300 million
more mobile phones
than people in the world.

5.True or false

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True

1.4 billion mobile phones
are produced each year.
This is why it is important
to know how to recycle
our old devices.

5.True or false

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True or false

Every year, 10,000 square kilometers of tropical rainforest are cut down - for wood, paper, oil palm or soybean plantations, cattle pasture or for the exploitation of mineral resources such as iron ore, gold, oil or gas or for the construction of large dams.

6.True or false

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True

Only a third of tropical rain forest still remains, the rest has been cut down and repurposed.

6.True or false

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True or false

The use of renewable
resources is always
sustainable.

7.True or false

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False

Our resource consumption is many
times higher than what would be
sustainable. This applies to both non-
renewable resources (e.g. phosphate
as fertiliser for agriculture) and
renewable resources (e.g. wood).
Therefore, even the use of renewable
resources is not necessarily
sustainable. This is only the case if no
more is deforested than grows back.
This is the original meaning of the word
"sustainability".

7.True or false

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