Science glossary
Year 2

Key terms	Definition
air	the mixture of gases that makes up Earth's atmosphere
arable	a type of soil that is suited to growing plants
bore	a hole drilled into the ground to access groundwater
coal	a rock made from fossilised plants that can be burnt as fuel
compost	a mixture of organic material that decays naturally; used to enrich soil
conserve	to protect Earth's resources (noun: conservation)
dispose of	get rid of (waste)
Earth	the third planet from the sun; the planet we live on, that provides the resources for life
investigation	a scientific process of answering a question, exploring an idea or solving a problem that requires activities such as planning a course of action, collecting data, interpreting data, reaching a conclusion and communicating these activities AC
land	the part of Earth's surface that is not water
metal	an element that is solid at room temperature (except mercury), has metallic lustre, conducts electricity and heat when solid or molten, and is ductile and malleable
midden	a neat mound of waste created by Aboriginal peoples in a selected area, consisting mainly of bones and shells left after eating
mineral	naturally occurring element or inorganic compound that can have a crystalline state
oil	a liquid from beneath Earth that can be used for fuel or making synthetic materials
rainwater tank	a large storage container used to collect rain
recycle	to prepare for a second use; to make a new product from something that has already been used (see also reduce, reuse)
reduce	use less of a resource to be more sustainable (in the context of 'reduce, reuse, recycle')

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resource	a source of materials and energy that can be used
reuse	use again for the same or a different purpose
soil	a thin layer of material, composed mostly of mineral particles, organic matter, organisms, air and water, covering land surfaces
sustainable	supports the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to support their needs
water	one of Earth's resources that is needed for life