



## THE LIFE CYCLE OF STUFF | VOCABULARY

*life cycle* the stages in which an object goes through from start to finish

*natural resource* something found in nature and is usually a raw material

*raw material* the original natural resource before being processed

*limited* something that is limited in quantity and will eventually run out

*unlimited* something that won't run out and is constantly being replenished

*processing* when raw materials are changed in order to make a product

*manufacturing* when materials are combined, shaped, and finalized to make a product

*packaging* when products are wrapped, boxed, or sealed in additional materials to ensure their safety during travel

*distribution* when packaged products are transported by truck, planes, and cargo ships and sent all around the world

*usage* how much of a particular product is used annually

*disposal* getting rid of a product in some way: trash, recycling, compost, etc.

