

sustainable**sus·tain·able** **AW** [sustainability sustainable sustainably] **BrE** [sə'steɪnəbl̩]**NAmE** [sə'steɪnəbl̩] **adjective**

- involving the use of natural products and energy in a way that does not harm the environment
 - sustainable forest management
 - an environmentally sustainable society
- that can continue or be continued for a long time
 - sustainable economic growth
 - Unfortunately, this level of output is not sustainable.

Opp: ↑unsustainable**Derived Words** ↑sustainability ▪ ↑sustainably**sustainable**

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sustain·a·ble **AC** /sə'steɪnəbəl/ **BrE** **AmE** **adjective**[**Word Family:** **noun:** ↑sustenance, ↑sustainability; **verb:** ↑sustain; **adjective:** ↑sustainable ≠ ↑unsustainable]

- able to continue without causing damage to the environment:
 - The government should do more to promote sustainable agriculture.
 - the sustainable use of rainforest resources
 - Cycling is a totally sustainable form of transport.
 - environmentally sustainable development
- able to continue for a long time:
 - The party is promising low inflation and sustainable economic growth.

—**sustainability** /sə'steɪnə'bɪləti, sə'steɪnə'bɪlɪti/ **noun** [uncountable]

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- environmentally friendly** not harmful to the environment: Cycling is very environmentally friendly. | environmentally friendly holidays | Is there such a thing as an environmentally friendly car?
- eco-friendly** [usually before noun] not harmful to the environment— used especially about products: We always try to use eco-friendly cleaning products. | eco-friendly coffins made from newspapers
- green** [usually before noun] not harmful to the environment— used especially in the following phrases: green products | green technology | green energy | It was voted the greenest building in Britain.
- clean** [usually before noun] clean fuels or forms of energy do not release any harmful substances into the atmosphere: We need cleaner fuels for cars and other road vehicles. | clean energy sources such as solar panels and wind turbines
- renewable** renewable energy comes from sources that can be easily replaced naturally, so that there is always more available: The building is heated using renewable energy from the sun. | The government needs to invest more in renewable energy sources. | Wind power is renewable and produces no greenhouse gases during operation.
- sustainable** using the earth's resources, without causing damage to the environment— used especially about farming, ways of living, and development: The flowers are produced to high environmental standards using sustainable farming methods. | Many people want to lead more sustainable lifestyles and to conserve the planet's resources. | sustainable use of the world's resources
- carbon-neutral** balancing the amount of carbon gases that you put into the earth's atmosphere with other activities that will effectively reduce the amount of carbon gases, for example by planting trees: a carbon-neutral company | Stirling is aiming to become the UK's first carbon neutral city. | All new homes will be carbon-neutral.
- low-carbon** [usually before noun] producing only a small amount of carbon: Research is being done into the development of low-carbon electricity. | We will need to have a low-carbon economy.
- low-energy** [usually before noun] low-energy buildings and lightbulbs use very little energy: Position is a key factor in the design of a low-energy house.

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