


# What does 'Sustainability' mean?

St Joseph's P. S. Senior Class interviewed adults to find out how they would define "sustainability" as part of their 'Sustainability and our Farmland Environment\*' unit. We collated the common ideas and made one definition -

## 'Sustainability' means keeping something going.

This table lists the replies, with common ideas highlighted:

1 to <b>keep</b> something <b>going</b>
2 to be able to <b>keep</b> something <b>going</b>
3 what you do to <b>keep</b> something <b>going well</b>
4 being able to <b>use</b> the land and <b>keep</b> it <b>healthy</b> while doing this
5 <b>keeping</b> the <b>soil healthy</b> and weeded to <b>grow</b> crops and livestock
6 <b>making</b> the world's resources <b>last</b> and renew themselves for future <b>use</b> for many generations to come.
7 using and <b>looking after</b> our <b>environment</b> so it <b>lasts</b> in good condition for current and future needs.
8 <b>keeping</b> the <b>environment</b> in good condition, so as future generations can survive and enjoy the lifestyle we do.
 Definitions above from St Joseph's PS Senior Class farmer interviews. 23/4/2012
9 making sure that <b>we have, and will continue to have, the water, materials, and resources</b> to protect human health and our environment.

from <http://www.epa.gov/sustainability/basicinfo.htm>

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