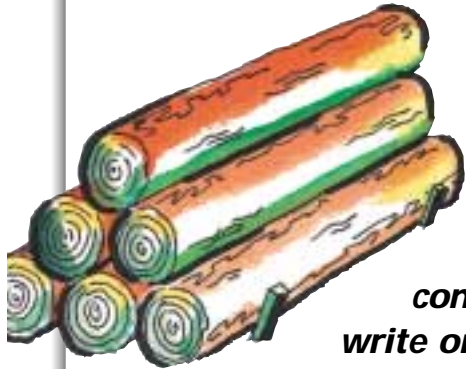


5. Recycling and the environment

Recycling paper can help to protect the environment and save money.



Saving resources

Recycling paper reduces the number of trees which have to be cut down.

? **School children used to write on slates. Where does slate come from? If we still used slates to write on, what would happen to the amount of slate in the UK?**

? **Unlike slate, trees are a 'renewable resource'. What does this mean?**

Saving water

Water is an essential part of any paper-making. Much less water is used to recycle paper than to produce new wood pulp.



Saving money

If we recycle paper, we need to import less timber and pulp from abroad and this saves money.



? **Recycling paper creates new jobs too. Can you explain how?**

Saving energy

Recycling paper uses fewer chemicals and about half the amount of energy needed to make paper from new wood. This means less of the air pollution which leads to global warming, acid rain and destruction of the ozone layer.

? **Find out more about either global warming, acid rain or the destruction of the ozone layer.**

