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Answer Key: How Do We Shape Our World? Kindergarten Human-Environment Quiz

Foundational practice for young geographers identifying how building bridges and planting rooftop gardens changes our local surroundings.

1. If a town is very rainy and wet, how might people change their houses to stay dry and safe?

Answer: A) Build the house on tall stilts above the wet ground

Building on stilts is a way humans modify their homes to adapt to the specific environment of a rainy or flood-prone area.

2. Farmers in the mountains sometimes cut flat steps into the hills to grow food. This is called ____.

Answer: B) Terrace Farming

Terrace farming is a complex modification where humans change the shape of the land to make it possible to grow food on steep slopes.

3. True or False: Planting a community garden in an empty city lot is a way humans change the environment.

Answer: A) True

Humans modify the environment by turning unused soil into a place for living plants and food to grow.

4. Imagine a big river blocks a path to school. What could humans build to change the environment and cross the water?

Answer: C) A bridge

Bridges are human-made structures that modify the natural landscape to help people travel from one place to another.

5. People living in the hot desert often use _____ to keep their buildings cool and comfortable.

Answer: A) thick mud walls

Using natural materials like thick mud or clay is a way humans adapt their architecture to handle extreme heat.

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6. True or False: When we build a recycling center, we are helping the environment instead of just taking from it.

Answer: A) True

Human-environment interaction includes 'consequences.' Recycling is a positive choice humans make to take care of natural resources.

7. Which of these is a way humans DEPEND on the earth for something we need every day?

Answer: B) Drinking fresh water from a lake

Dependence means relying on nature for survival. Fresh water is a vital natural resource that humans must have.

8. In the windy Netherlands, people built _____ to use the wind's power to move water away from their farms.

Answer: B) Windmills

Windmills are a classic example of using a natural resource (wind) through a human-made modification to manage the environment.

9. True or False: If we cut down too many trees without planting new ones, the animals might lose their homes.

Answer: A) True

This is a negative consequence of human-environment interaction. It shows how our changes to the land affect other living things.

10. In some very cold places, people build 'Greenhouses' made of glass. Why do they do this?

Answer: A) To keep the snow out so they can grow warm-weather plants

Creating a greenhouse is a way humans modify a small space to create a different climate than the one outside, allowing them to grow food.