

Electricity

i c c v w w i r e r n v l h g
b i n s u l a t o r s v p a r
r r i i i i c d s o s k w h s
q c j j m v u b a t t e r y d
r u g c y o y j h l a m p q w
u i n o p l t v o l t a g e r
z t v n y t t o j i t g z z u
b a r d m m w x r z y v h y z
u m q u j e t j b l l v r s v
z m c c s t p b z a x e d q a
z e c t l e u h u z i w e s p
e t v o i r n c n j a y v l f
r e x r a c e l l k p o p o f
v r o n p n b w w t i i e p k
g h l v k d c x l e q d b i z

voltage

cell

buzzer

circuit

voltmeter

motor

ammeter

battery

wire

lamp

insulator

conductor

Challenge!

Rearrange the letters to work out what word is an anagram of:

Tricycle Tie

Electricity

Many things that we use every day are powered by electricity.



toasters



hair dryers



lights



radios



trains

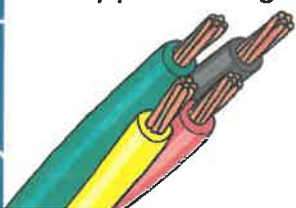


some cars...

...and many more things rely on electricity to work properly. When charged particles move through a wire or a conductor, we call this current 'electricity'.

Did You Know...?

- The first electric motor was invented around 1821 by Michael Faraday.
- Electricity can be very dangerous as you can get an electric shock from it. You need to be sensible around electrical devices.
- Electrical current flows more easily through silver, copper, and gold.



Energy Sources Used to Generate Electricity



Fossil fuels (gas, coal and oil)

- These will run out.
- Burning them releases pollution and can cause harm to animals and people.



Nuclear

- Some electricity is generated in nuclear power stations.
- Many of these older power stations are being closed and new ones are being built.



Renewable energy

- Energy sources include wind, wave, hydro, biomass and solar.
- They will not run out.
- Using them causes a lot less pollution.

Where is Electricity Generated?

Electricity can be generated in power stations, wind turbines and solar panels. Electrical charge flows through wires to where it needs to be used, like in homes, hospitals and factories.

Questions

1. Which of the following is not powered by electricity? Tick one.

- hair dryer
- radio
- bicycle
- All of the above

2. Find and copy one word that means 'made'.

3. Draw **three** lines to match each energy source with each fact.

Nuclear

These will not run out.

Renewable energy

These will run out.

Fossil fuels

Many of these older power stations are being closed and replaced with new ones.

4. Tick the boxes to say whether the statements below are **true** or **false**.

Statement	true	false
Oil is a renewable source of energy.		
Electricity generated from renewable energy sources causes less pollution than electricity generated from fossil fuels.		
All electricity is generated in nuclear power stations.		

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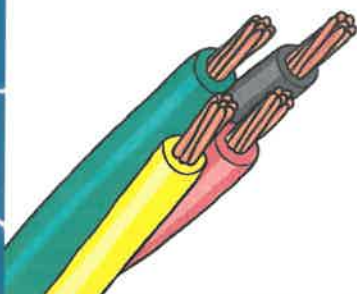
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- Electrical current is measured in amps.



Energy Sources Used to Generate Electricity



Fossil fuels (natural gas, coal and oil)

- Most power stations burn the fossil fuel natural gas, but some also use coal. Burning these fuels releases pollution.
- Fossil fuels are a non-renewable source of energy. This means they will run out one day.



Nuclear

- Some electricity is generated from nuclear reactors in power stations. They use an element called uranium. In the UK, many old stations are being closed and new ones are being built.



Renewable energy

- Energy sources include wind, wave, hydro, biomass and solar. The energy from these sources is harvested through different technologies, for example, wind turbines. Once these have been built, using them causes minimal further pollution. They are also renewable - wind and the sun will not run out.

Questions

1. What is electricity? Tick one.

- the movement of charged particles
- when charged particles stop
- when particles vibrate
- when particles change state

2. Find and copy **three** materials that allow an electrical current to move more easily.

- _____
- _____
- _____

3. Draw **four** lines and to match each energy source to its type.

coal

uranium

wind

biomass

renewable energy

nuclear

fossil fuels

4. Fill in the missing words.

Electrical charge flows through a complicated grid of wires called the _____, to get to where it needs to be used, like in homes, hospitals and factories.

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Electricity can be generated from a variety of energy sources. The main sources are:



Fossil fuels (natural gas, coal and oil)

- Most power stations burn the fossil fuel natural gas, but some also use coal. Burning these fuels releases pollution into the air and damages the environment. In addition, fossil fuels are non-renewable sources of energy. This means they will run out one day.



Nuclear

- There are currently 15 nuclear reactors in the UK which create just over 20% of the total electricity generated in the UK. Many of the older power stations are being closed and new ones are being built. The uranium used in this method of generating electricity will eventually run out, however, as this process doesn't involve the burning of fuels, it doesn't create air pollution. It does, however, create nuclear waste.



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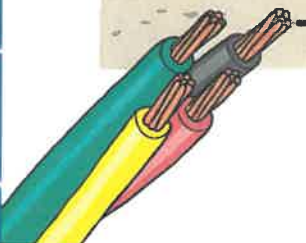
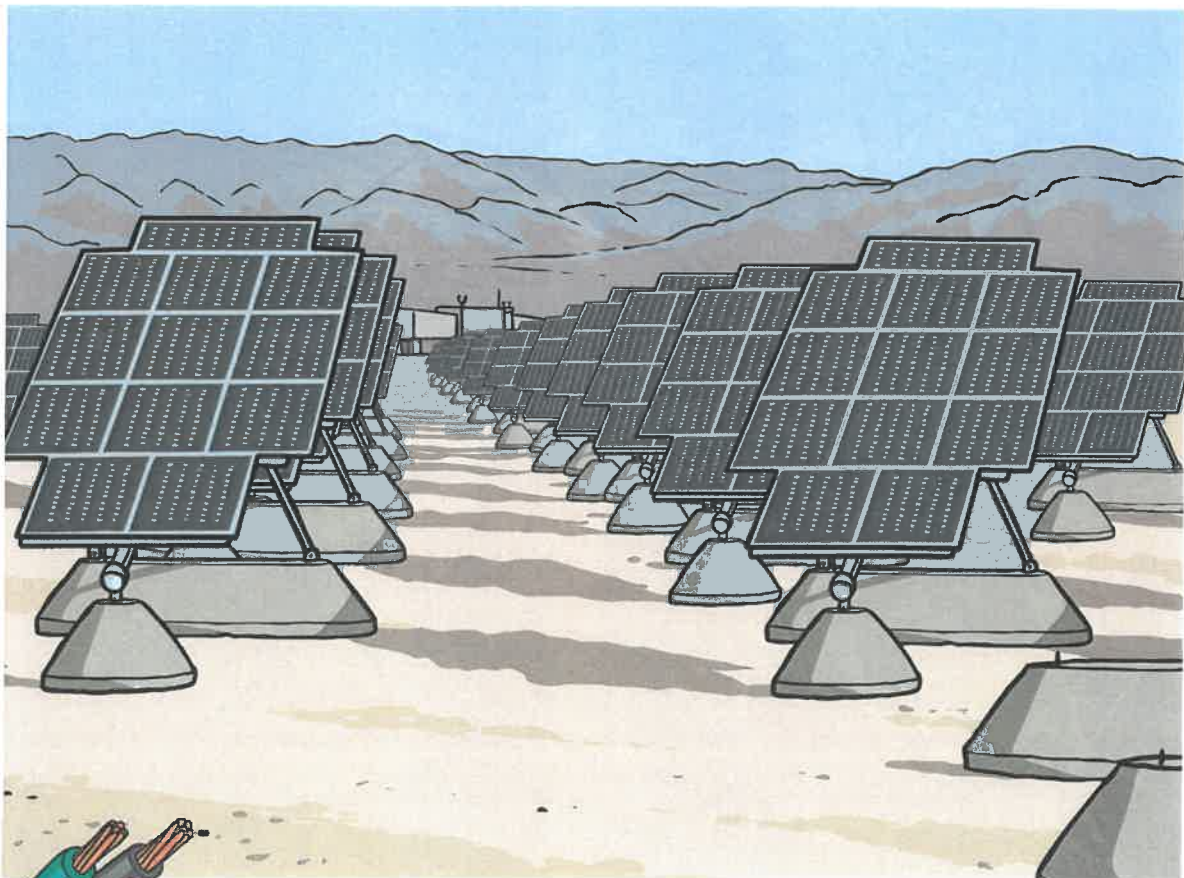
Electricity is generated in power stations, through wind turbines and solar panels. Electrical charge flows through a complicated grid of wires called the National Grid, to get to where it needs to be used, like in homes, hospitals and factories.

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Questions

1. What is electricity?

2. Fill in the missing words.

Most power stations burn the _____ fuel natural gas, but some also use _____.

3. 'Hydro' is an example of what type of energy?

4. Draw **four** lines to match each sentence with the missing words.

The _____ used in this method of generating electricity will eventually run out.

fossil fuels

Burning _____ releases pollution into the air.

nuclear power stations

20% of the total electricity in the UK is made in _____.

renewable

The energy from _____ sources is harvested through different technologies, for example, wind turbines.

uranium

5. How many nuclear reactors are there in the UK? Tick one.

- 15
- 25
- 20
- 10

6. What are the positives and negatives of Nuclear energy?

7. Which type of energy do you think is most sustainable and why?

8. Electricity is less than 100 years old.

Is this true or false? Explain how you know using evidence from the text.
