Lesson 4: Green Energy







Reflection Time

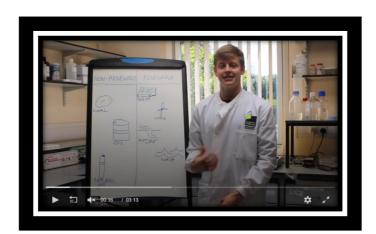
Why is it important to reduce the amount of heat, transport, and electrical energy we use?





From Fossil Fuels to Renewable Energy

Watch the following video and answer the three questions below: https://developingexperts.com/s/missions/878



(ı	. What is renewable energy?
2	2. How many different sources of renewable energy are they?
3	3. What are the different sources called?



Renewable Energy - Pros and Cons

Even though renewable energy is greener and sustainable in the long term, there are also some downsides. Watch the video to find more: https://developingexperts.com/s/missions/876



The following tables have missing titles. Read through them and choose which energy source is described.

Hydro-electric power (HEP)

Solar

Wind farms

Wave or tidal energy



Advantages

- Little pollution
- Safe
- Land beneath them can be used for other things
- Cheap to produce energy
- Some people find them interesting to look at
- The farms can provide income for farmers and other landowners in rural areas of the UK
- Wind is usually stronger in the winter, which is when there is more demand for electricity

Disadvantages

- Wind does not always blow
- Some people say they spoil the environment
- Noise pollution

Advantages

- Little pollution
- Produced in areas where few people live
- Dams can reduce risks of flooding and water shortages
- Lakes used for water sports

Disadvantages

- Expensive to build
- Floods larges areas and destroys the environment
- Silt stays in reservoir rather than helping to fertilise nearby land
- Methane and carbon dioxide given off by rotting vegetation in lake
- Fish cannot migrate easily upstream



- Waves and tide are free
- Tides can be timed regular supply
- Little pollution
- Safe

- Wave energy expensive and difficult to transport energy to shore
- Tidal barrages may affect habitats e.g. coastal mudflats
- Affects shipping
- Tidal barrages are very expensive

Biodiesel – Future Fuel?

Watch the following video to discover a new green fuel, biodiesel: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/znfpyrd What do you think?

Advantages	Disadvantages