

Energy

- **Energy** is needed to make things happen
- It is measured in **joules** or **kilojoules**

- The **law of conservation of energy** says that energy cannot be created or destroyed, only transferred
- This means that the total energy before a change is always equal to the total energy after a change

Energy can be in different energy **stores**, including:

- **Chemical** – to do with food, fuels and batteries
- **Thermal** – to do with hot objects
- **Kinetic** – to do with moving objects
- **Gravitational potential** – to do with the position in a gravitational field
- **Elastic potential** – to do with changing shape, squashing and stretching

Food and energy

- Food has energy in a chemical energy store
- Different foods contain different amounts of energy
- Different activities require different amounts of energy
- Different people need different amounts of energy depending on what they do each day

Power and energy

- **Power** is a measure of how much energy is transferred per second
- Power is measured in **watts (W)**
- Each appliance has its own power rating to tell us how quickly it uses energy
- We can calculate power with the equation:

$$\text{power (W)} = \frac{\text{energy (J)}}{\text{time (s)}}$$

Non-renewable energy

- **Non-renewable** energy cannot be replaced within your lifetime
- Non-renewable **energy resources** include coal, oil, natural gas and nuclear resources
- Coal, oil and natural gas are also known as **fossil fuels**, they release carbon dioxide when burned which contributes to global warming

Renewable energy

- **Renewable** energy can be replaced within your lifetime
- Renewable energy resources include wind, tidal, wave, biomass, solar, hydroelectric and geothermal
- Renewable energy resources do not produce much carbon dioxide, meaning that they have a smaller effect on global warming

Power stations

Thermal power stations burn coal, oil and natural gas, which are all non-renewable energy resources

Dissipation of energy

- We say that energy is **dissipated** when it is transferred to a nonuseful store, it cannot be used for what it was intended for
- Energy can be wasted through friction, heating up components or heating the surroundings
- **Efficiency** is a measure of how much of the energy has been used in a useful way, we can calculate this with the equation:

$$\text{efficiency (\%)} = \frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{energy input}} \times 100$$

Key terms Make sure you can write definitions for these key terms.

chemical dissipated efficiency elastic potential energy energy resources fossil fuels gravitational potential joules kinetic kilojoules

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