

# Directed Reading A

## Section: What Is Energy?

### ENERGY AND WORK: WORKING TOGETHER

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. What is the ability to do work called?
  - a. movement
  - b. energy
  - c. power
  - d. force
  
2. Work is a transfer of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. How is energy transferred when one object does work on another?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
4. What units are used to express this energy transfer?  
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### KINETIC ENERGY

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Which of the following is the energy of motion?
  - a. potential energy
  - b. mechanical energy
  - c. kinetic energy
  - d. gravitational energy
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. In the formula for kinetic energy, what does the  $m$  stand for?
  - a. more
  - b. moving
  - c. mass
  - d. meter
  
7. How does increasing mass affect kinetic energy?  
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8. Why are car crashes more dangerous at higher speeds than at lower speeds?  
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**POTENTIAL ENERGY**

9. The energy an object has because of its position is called \_\_\_\_\_ energy.
10. When you lift an object, energy is transferred to the object, which gives the object \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The amount of gravitational potential energy that an object has depends on its weight and \_\_\_\_\_.
12. What formula is used to calculate gravitational potential energy?  
\_\_\_\_\_
13. The amount of force that must be used on an object to lift it is \_\_\_\_\_.
14. What is an object's height a measure of?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**MECHANICAL ENERGY**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 15. Which of the following types of energy equals the total energy of motion and position?
- a. mechanical energy
  - b. kinetic energy
  - c. potential energy
  - d. moving energy
16. What is the formula used to find mechanical energy?  
\_\_\_\_\_
17. The juggler moves the pin with his hand and gives \_\_\_\_\_ energy to the pin.
18. As the juggler's pin leaves his hand, the pin's kinetic energy begins to change to \_\_\_\_\_ energy.
19. How can you tell that the kinetic energy is decreasing as the juggler's pin rises?  
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**OTHER FORMS OF ENERGY**

Match the correct description with the correct term. Write the letter in the space provided. Some terms will not be used.

\_\_\_\_\_ 20. energy caused by an object's vibrations

\_\_\_\_\_ 21. energy that comes from changes in the nucleus of an atom

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. all of the kinetic energy due to random motion of the particles that make up an object

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. energy of moving electrons

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. energy of a compound that changes as its atoms are rearranged

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. energy produced by the vibrations of electrically charged particles

26. How do particles move at higher temperatures compared to how they move at lower temperatures?

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27. Chemical energy is a form of \_\_\_\_\_ energy because it depends on the position and arrangement of the atoms in a compound.

28. How is electrical energy produced at power plants?

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29. When you stretch a guitar string, what kind of energy does the string store?

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30. When you release a guitar string, what kind of energy makes the string vibrate?

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31. What form of energy can travel through a vacuum?

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32. What is the difference between fission and fusion?

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- a. sound energy
- b. chemical energy
- c. nuclear energy
- d. light energy
- e. electrical energy
- f. mechanical energy
- g. thermal energy

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## Section: Energy Conversions

1. A change from one form of energy to another is called  
a(n) \_\_\_\_\_

### KINETIC ENERGY AND POTENTIAL ENERGY

- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. When the skateboarder reaches the top of the half-pipe, which of the following types of energy is at its maximum?  
a. mechanical energy  
b. kinetic energy  
c. potential energy  
d. elastic potential energy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. As the skateboarder speeds down through the bottom of the half-pipe, which of the following types of energy is at its maximum?  
a. mechanical energy  
b. kinetic energy  
c. potential energy  
d. elastic potential energy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Which of the following types of energy is present in the wound-up rubber band in a toy airplane?  
a. mechanical energy  
b. kinetic energy  
c. potential energy  
d. elastic potential energy
5. When the rubber band on the airplane is released, the stored energy becomes \_\_\_\_\_ energy, spinning the propeller.
6. A stretched rubber band stores \_\_\_\_\_ energy.

### CONVERSIONS INVOLVING CHEMICAL ENERGY

- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. Which of the following types of energy comes from the food you eat?  
a. chemical energy  
b. thermal energy  
c. light energy  
d. nuclear energy

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- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. When you are active, chemical energy of food is converted into which of the following types of energy?
- a. kinetic energy
  - b. thermal energy
  - c. mechanical energy
  - d. potential energy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. Which of the following types of energy from food is used to maintain body temperature?
- a. chemical energy
  - b. thermal energy
  - c. light energy
  - d. nuclear energy
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. Which of the following types of energy do plants use to make chemical energy?
- a. gravitational energy
  - b. thermal energy
  - c. light energy
  - d. nuclear energy
11. When you eat food, you are taking in energy that first came from the \_\_\_\_\_.

12. Define photosynthesis.

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13. How is the chemical energy from a tree converted into thermal energy?

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**WHY ENERGY CONVERSIONS ARE IMPORTANT**

14. Give two examples of energy conversions that take place within a hair dryer.

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15. Name two common energy conversions that involve electrical energy.

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**ENERGY AND MACHINES**

16. Work is made easier when a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ changes the direction or size of the force needed to do the work.

17. When riding a bike, your legs transfer \_\_\_\_\_ energy to the pedals by pushing them around in a circle.

18. Energy from the sun is measured using a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.

19. In a radiometer, which vanes absorb the most light energy? What happens after the light is absorbed?

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## Section: Conservation of Energy WHERE DOES THE ENERGY GO?

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1. Which of the following forces opposes motion between two surfaces that are touching?
  - a. friction
  - b. kinetic energy
  - c. potential energy
  - d. current
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2. When a roller coaster moves, which of the following helps to overcome friction?
  - a. friction
  - b. current
  - c. energy
  - d. movement
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which of the following causes some of the potential energy of a moving roller coaster to be converted to thermal energy?
  - a. movement
  - b. thermal energy
  - c. friction
  - d. sound energy
  
4. Name two locations where there is friction on a roller coaster.

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5. On a roller coaster, where is the potential energy the greatest?  
\_\_\_\_\_
  
6. The kinetic energy at the bottom of the first hill on a roller coaster is less than the \_\_\_\_\_ energy at the top of the hill.

### ENERGY IS CONSERVED WITHIN A CLOSED SYSTEM

7. When a group of objects transfer energy only to each other, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is created.
  
8. On a roller coaster, some mechanical energy is always converted into \_\_\_\_\_ energy.
  
9. What three types of energy from a roller coaster are added together to equal the total amount of original potential energy?

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10. The rule that energy cannot be created or destroyed is explained by the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The total amount of \_\_\_\_\_ in a closed system is always the same regardless of how many conversions take place.
12. In a light bulb, some energy is converted to \_\_\_\_\_ energy, making the bulb feel warm.

**NO CONVERSION WITHOUT THERMAL ENERGY**

13. Any time energy is converted into another form of energy, some of the original energy is converted into \_\_\_\_\_ energy.
14. The thermal energy due to \_\_\_\_\_ is not useful energy.
15. What happens to the wasted thermal energy in a car?

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16. A machine that puts out exactly as much energy as it takes in is a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
17. What is needed to keep a machine moving?
- \_\_\_\_\_
18. What energy does the "drinking bird" use to evaporate water from its head?
- \_\_\_\_\_
19. Define energy efficiency.
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

20. New cars have a smooth \_\_\_\_\_ that reduces friction between the body of the car and the air.
21. A car with high \_\_\_\_\_ can go farther than other cars with the same amount of gas.
22. There is less wasted energy when energy \_\_\_\_\_ are more efficient.

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## Section: Energy Resources

1. A natural resource that can be converted into other forms of energy to do work is called a(n) \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The source responsible for most other energy resources is the \_\_\_\_\_.

### NONRENEWABLE RESOURCES

- \_\_\_\_\_ 3. Which of the following energy resources cannot be replaced or is replaced more slowly than it is used?
  - a. usable resource
  - b. reusable resource
  - c. nonrenewable resource
  - d. energy resource
- \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Which of the following energy resources are formed from buried plants and animals?
  - a. fossil fuels
  - b. fossil resources
  - c. renewable fuels
  - d. animal fuels
5. What are the three most common fossil fuels?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. The plants and animals that form fossil fuels stored \_\_\_\_\_ from the sun.
7. A common use of coal in the United States is to generate \_\_\_\_\_.
8. Name three products that come from petroleum.  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Name two uses for natural gas.  
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10. To convert the chemical energy in fossil fuels into electric energy, a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ is used.

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- 11. In an electric generator, a magnet spins to generate a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ in the wire.
- 12. A nuclear power plant generates \_\_\_\_\_ energy that boils water to produce steam.
- 13. The spinning generator of a nuclear power plant converts \_\_\_\_\_ energy into electrical energy.
- 14. Nuclear energy is generated from \_\_\_\_\_ elements.
- 15. The nucleus of a uranium atom is split into two to release nuclear energy in a process called \_\_\_\_\_.
- 16. Why is nuclear energy considered a nonrenewable resource?

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**RENEWABLE RESOURCES**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 17. Of the following energy resources can be replaced over a relatively short period of time?
  - a. usable resource
  - b. reusable resource
  - c. nonrenewable resource
  - d. renewable resource

- 18. Name three types of renewable resources.  
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- 19. Solar energy can be changed into electrical energy through \_\_\_\_\_.
- 20. Through what can houses passively collect solar energy?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 21. The potential energy of water in a reservoir can be changed into \_\_\_\_\_ energy as the water flows downhill.
- 22. How does a hydroelectric dam change kinetic energy into electrical energy?  
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23. What causes wind?  
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24. What kind of energy of wind turns the blades of a windmill?  
\_\_\_\_\_
25. Wind turbines convert the kinetic energy of air into \_\_\_\_\_  
energy by turning a generator.
26. The thermal energy caused by the heating of Earth's crust is called  
\_\_\_\_\_.
27. Some geothermal power plants pump water underground next to hot  
\_\_\_\_\_.
28. Organic matter that can be burned to release energy  
is called \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE TWO SIDES TO ENERGY RESOURCES**

29. Name one disadvantage of fossil fuels.  
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30. Why can't solar energy be used to meet the energy needs of large cities?  
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31. Why is hydroelectric energy not always a desirable energy resource?  
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