

The law of conservation of energy:

Energy cannot be created or destroyed; it can only transfer from one form to another

Renewable energy resources:

They are able to replace themselves within a human lifecycle, they will not run out.

advantages of fossil fuels	disadvantages of fossil fuels
readily available	non-renewable
easily transported	green house effect (global warming)
therefore readily cheap	acid rain (sulphur dioxide)

Power station: chemical energy converted to electrical energy

Burn fuel – use heat to boil water – steam made turns turbine – turbine turns generator – get electricity

Nuclear power stations also have a reactor

device	description	input energy	output energy
boiler	fuel is burned to get steam	chemical	heat
turbine	steam turns turbine	heat	kinetic
generator	turbine turns generator	kinetic	electrical

(%) Efficiency = useful output / total input

(J) Work done = force x distance

Energy is the ability to do work

Weight = mg

Power = work done / time or power = energy transferred / time

PE = mgh

KE = $\frac{1}{2}mv^2$

PE at top = KE at bottom

Power of an electric motor;

- Calculate the weight of the object to be lifted by the motor using the formula $w=mg$ to give F
- Measure the height the object has to be raised using a metre ruler to give D
- Attach object to the motor, turn it on and record the time taken to raise the object through the distance measured
- Do this 3 times for a variety of masses and calculate the average time and from that average power

Pupil power:

- Measure height of 3 steps and get average height
- Count the number of steps
- Multiply by the average height
- Walk/run up the steps several times and record time taken
- Calculate average time
- Use formula $\text{power} = wd/t$ to find power in watts