

Renewable

Word of the month

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1. Replace the items on the left (a-e) with items that you can use more than once.

a. a plastic bottle of water _____

b. a disposable paper plate _____

c. a normal pen _____

d. cotton wool discs _____

e. coal _____

Sample answers: 1. a refillable water bottle; b. a bamboo/ ceramic plate; c. a pen with refillable ink; d. a facecloth / flannel e. wind/ sun/ water

2. Why are renewable items better for the planet? Add four reasons to the list.

- a.They save energy consumption.
- b.
- c.
- d.
- e.

Sample answers: b.they create less environmental pollution; c.they reduce the amount of disposable plastic in circulation; d. they reduce (landfill) waste; e. they help to save the planet's natural resources.

A renewable item is something that you can use again and again

3. Complete the sentence.

_____ energy sources are better for the planet than non-renewable energy sources like fossil fuels.

Answer: Renewable energy sources are better for the planet than non-renewable energy sources like fossil fuels.

4.aWrite the following energy sources in the correct column in the table.

Coal wind solar oil natural gas hydro

FOSSIL FUELS	RENEWABLE

Answer:

FOSSIL FUELS	RENEWABLE
coal	wind
oil	solar
natural gas	hydro

4b.Explain why fossil fuels are a poor energy choice in the 21st century. Max 100 words.

Sample answer: Fossil fuels are a poor energy choice for many reasons. Firstly, they are known to cause pollution like smog in our cities and secondly, they contribute to climate change. Reducing climate change is one of the United Nations 2030 sustainable development goals and we have to take action now. Finally, they are also an impractical choice if you consider that it takes millions of years for coal,

gas and oil deposits to form in the Earth's crust. Renewable energy sources are a better choice for the future.

5.Class debate

Question for debate: Is it important to use more renewable energy sources?

Group A: Argue that it is very important.

Group B: Argue that it is not important.

Teacher's Notes

1. 1a 2b

2. Answers will vary

3. A person who can speak or use more than four or five languages is a polyglot.

4. a.T; b.F; c.F; d.T; e.F

5. Sample answer: I would like to learn Spanish because I go on holiday to Alicante every year. I understand some Spanish but I want to speak the language too.