

1.1 – DEFINING ENERGY

Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this lesson, the student will be able

- 1. To explain the concept of energy and its various forms.
- 2. To describe the nature of energy changes that accompany chemical and physical changes.
- 3. To describe the relationship between energy and heat.

ENERGY

• Energy can be described as the capacity to do work, or the ability to move or cause change in matter.

TWO MAIN TYPES OF ENERGY

- 1. Potential Energy: stored energy
 - Stored in springs, batteries, food and fuel.
 - Examples: Chemical, elastic, nuclear, electromagnetic, gravitational potential energy
- 2. Kinetic Energy: energy of motion
 - The faster an object moves, the higher the energy.
 - Examples: electrical (flow of electrons), sound (movement of air molecules), thermal/heat (movement of atoms), any moving object (car, person, etc.)

FORMS OF ENERGY

- 1. Thermal Energy (Heat Energy)
 - Thermal energy is kinetic energy associated with the random motion of atoms and molecules.
 - Temperature is a quantitative measure of "hot" or "cold." When the atoms and molecules in an object are moving or vibrating quickly, they have a higher average kinetic energy (KE), and we say that the object is "hot."
 - When the atoms and molecules are moving slowly, they have lower KE, and we say that the object is "cold".
 - Example: Thermal energy from a hot stove is transferred to a metal pot and causes the water molecules to move faster increasing the temperature of the water.

2. Chemical Energy

- Potential energy stored in bonds of atoms and molecules.
- Example: Wood, coal, gasoline, and natural gas are fuels that contain chemical energy.

3. Electrical Energy

- Kinetic energy from the movement of charged particles called electrons.
- Example: Lightning, household current

4. Sound Energy

- Sound energy is a form of energy that is associated with vibrations of matter.
- Example:

A vibrating drum transfers energy to the room as sound. Kinetic energy from the moving air molecules transfers the sound energy to our eardrums. Kinetic (movement) energy in the sticks is being transferred into sound energy.

5. Light Energy

- Produced by the vibrations of electrically charged particles. It can be transmitted through a vacuum (a space without matter)
- Example: The energy used to cook food in the microwave

6. Nuclear Energy

- Nuclear energy is the energy that is trapped inside each atom. Nuclear energy can be produced either by the fusion (combining atoms) or fission (splitting of atoms) process.
- Example: Atomic bombs, nuclear power plants, nuclear submarines and the sun

HEAT

- Heat is the flow of thermal energy between two objects, from the warmer one to the cooler one, because of a difference in their temperatures. Thus, heat is a process and not a quantity.
- Matter undergoing chemical reactions and physical changes can release or absorb heat. A change that
 releases heat is called an exothermic process. A reaction or change that absorbs heat is an
 endothermic process.

CONVERSION OF ENERGY

- Energy conversion is a change in energy from one form of energy to another.
- Any form of energy can be converted into any other form of energy. In every conversion, some energy is always converted into thermal energy.

Examples:

Conversions involving chemical energy:

- Food is digested and used to regulate body temperature
- Fuel is burned to cook food
- During photosynthesis, plants use light energy to produce new substances with chemical energy.

Conversions involving electrical energy:

- Light bulb: electrical energy to light
- Microphone: electrical energy to sound energy
- Battery: chemical energy to electrical energy

CONSERVATION OF ENERGY

- A thermodynamic system is quantity of matter of fixed identity, around which we can draw a
 boundary. The boundaries may be fixed or moveable. Everything outside the boundary is the
 surroundings.
- Law of Conservation of Energy:
 - Energy can neither be created nor destroyed. Energy can be changed from one form to another, but all the different forms of energy in a system always add up to the same total amount of energy, no matter how many conversions occur.
 - Conservation of energy requires that the total energy change in the system and the surrounding must be zero.

$$\Delta Energy_{universe} = 0 = \Delta Energy_{system} + \Delta Energy_{surroundings}$$

Where: Δ is the symbol that is used to mean *change*

UNITS OF ENERGY

- 1 Joule (J) is the MKS unit of energy, equal to the force of one Newton acting through one meter.
- 1 Watt (w) is the power of a Joule of energy per second
- 1 calorie (cal) of heat is the amount needed to raise 1 gram of water 1 degree Centigrade.

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1 calorie (cal) = 4.184 J
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• A *BTU* (British Thermal Unit) is the amount of heat necessary to raise one pound of water by 1 degree Fahrenheit (F).

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1 British Thermal Unit (BTU) = 1055 J
1 BTU = 252 cal = 1.055 kJ
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ACTIVE LEARNING EXERCISES:

1.	Fill in the following table with what kind of energy each example contains:
	a. A burning candle
	b. A glass on a table
	c. A green plant
	d. A piece of radioactive metal
	e. A cup of hot chocolate
2.	Name a common device used to accomplish each change:
	a. Electrical energy to thermal energy
	b. Electrical energy to sound energy
	c. Electrical energy to light energy
	d. Mechanical energy to electrical energy
	e. Chemical energy to electrical energy
3.	Complete combustion of 2.0 metric tons of coal to gaseous carbon dioxide releases 6.6x10 ¹⁰ J of heat. Convert this energy to
	a. Kilojoules
	b. Kilocalories
	c. British thermal units
4.	Thermal decomposition of 5.0 metric tons of limestone to lime and carbon dioxide absorbs 9.0 x 106 kJ of heat.
	Convert this energy to: a. Joules
	b. Calories





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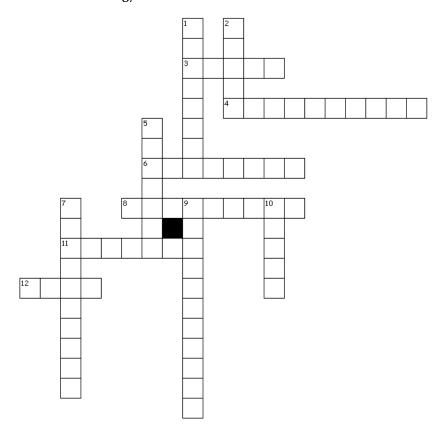


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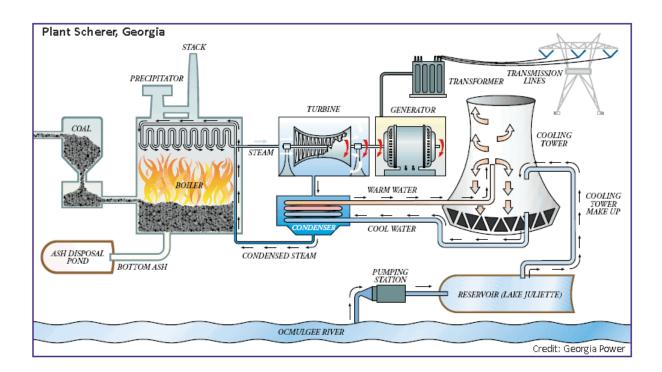
1. Complete the puzzle.

- Across 3. A form of energy that travels as waves through the air and some solids and liquids.
- Across 4. Lightning is a form of energy
- Across 6. Batteries and plants store this kind of energy
- Across 8. Fuels such as the wind and sun that can generate power without being used up.
- Across 11. A measure of energy that is used for measuring the amount of energy in food.
- Across 12. The burning of wood releases this form of energy. This energy is created as a result of the movement of atoms.
- Down 1. A type of potential energy that is made from fossil fuels.
- Down 2. Unit of energy
- Down 5. The energy that is stored within atoms.
- Down 7. A form of energy that results from the movement of machine parts.
- Down 9: A form of energy that is used in homes and is produced by the movement of electrons
- Down 10. A form of energy that travels as waves from the sun to Earth





- 2. The figure below depicts an electric power plant. In the figure identify where:
 - a. Potential (chemical) energy of the fuel is converted to heat.
 - b. Kinetic energy of water molecules is converted to mechanical energy.
 - c. Mechanical energy is converted to electrical energy.
 - d. Electrical energy is converted into forms such as heat and light.



- 3. Carry out the following conversions of energy units:
 - a. 14.3 Btu into calories
 - b. 1.4×10^5 cal into joules,
 - c. 31.6 mJ into Btu



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A form of energy that is	The energy stored in	A storage of energy	A type of potential
used in homes and is	compressed springs is	invented by humans and	energy that is made
produced by the	known as potential	that is filled with	from fossil fuels.
movement of electrons.	energy.	chemicals.	
across 12.	across 13.	across 16.	across 17.
The burning of wood	Animals store their	One of the gases	A type of fuel formed
releases this form of	excess energy in this	released into the air	from the remains of
energy. This energy is	form. They can use this	when fossil fuels burn.	plants or sea creatures
created as a result of the	later on if they do not	(2 words)	millions of years ago.
movement of atoms.	have enough energy.		
across 20.	across 22.	across 23.	
Fuels such as the wind	Humans get their energy	Batteries and plants	
and sun that can	from this.	store this kind of	
generate power without		energy.	
being used up.			
down 2.	down 4.	down 6.	<u>down 7.</u>
Lightning is a form of	A form of energy that	The energy that is stored	A form of energy that
energy.	results from the	within atoms.	results from the
	attraction of objects that		movement of machine
	are made of iron.		parts.
down 8.	down 9.	<u>down 10.</u>	<u>down 14.</u>
A measure of energy	Fuels such as coal and	Any type of material that	The basic unit of energy
that is used for	oil that can be used only	stores energy and can be	that scientists use.
measuring the amount	once.	burned to supply heat.	
of energy in food.		_ ,	
<u>down 15.</u>	<u>down 18.</u>	<u>down 19.</u>	<u>down 21.</u>
Earth gets most of its	A form of energy that	A form of energy that	Chemical energy is
energy from this form of	travels as waves through	travels as waves from	stored in the of
energy.	the air and some solids	the sun to Earth.	molecules.
	and liquids.		