

Energy stores & Systems:

Energy transferred to objects (which is stored in an object's energy stores) is done via a force doing work (mechanically), work being done by moving charges (electrically), by heating or radiation

System = a group/single object

Closed systems = matter/energy cannot enter/leave

so there's a net energy change of 0

Kettle: electrical energy → kettle's thermal energy store → heating → water's thermal energy store

Work done = energy transferred (via a current flowing or a force moving objects)

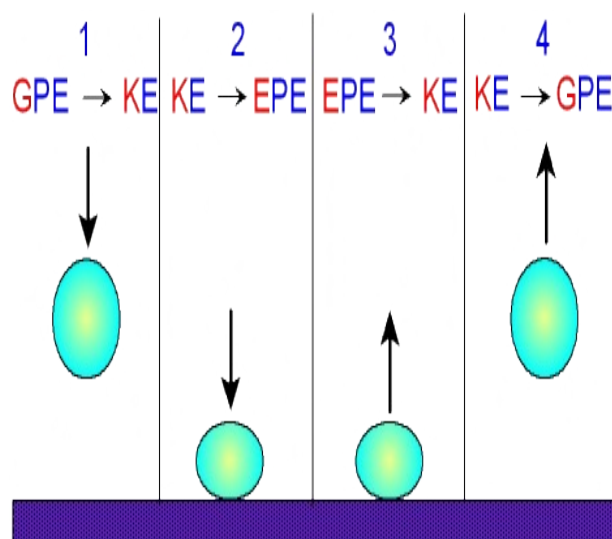
Human throwing a ball up: chemical energy store of arm → kinetic energy store of ball

Ball thrown downwards: gravity accelerates ball so gravitational potential energy → kinetic energy store of ball

Car decelerating: friction between brakes & tyres → wheel's kinetic stores → thermal energy stores of environment

Car collision: car's kinetic energy store → stationary object's elastic & thermal energy stores

<u>Energy stores</u>			
Light			
Sound			
Kinetic			
Gravitational			
Chemical			
Heat			
Electrical			
Magnetic			
Elastic			



Kinetic Energy:

Moving objects have energy in their kinetic energy stores

Large object (more mass) & fast (high speed) = more kinetic energy stored

$$E_k = 0.5mv^2$$

Mass = kg

Speed = m/s

Energy = J

Gravitational potential energy:

Lifting objects = gpe transferred

Higher object = more gpe needed to lift

$$E_p = mgh$$

Mass = kg

Gravitational field strength = N/kg

Height = m

Energy = J

Falling objects: gpe → kinetic energy stores

Energy lost from gpe store = energy gained in kinetic energy store (no air resistance)

Elastic potential energy:

Stretching/Squashing objects = elastic energy transfer to object up to limit of proportionality

$$E_e = 0.5kx^2$$

Spring constant = N/m

Extension = m

Energy = J

Specific heat capacity:

Amount of energy needed to raise the temp of 1kg of substance by 1 degrees cel

$$\Delta E = mc\Delta\theta$$

Change in thermal energy = J

Mass = kg

Specific heat capacity = J/kg degrees cel

Temp change = degrees cel

Conservation of energy:

Energy cannot be created/destroyed, only transferred to an object so energy is stored/ dissipated

Dissipated energy = 'wasted' energy (no useful energy store) e.g. mobile phones: chemical energy of battery → thermal energy store of phone (wasted)

Closed systems: a sealed flask with hot soup & a cold spoon (soup cools slightly when thermal energy is transferred to spoon) = net energy change of 0!

Power:

Rate of energy transfer/work done

$$P = e/t \quad P = W/t$$

Power = W

Energy transferred/ work done = J

Time = s

Powerful machine = high energy transfer in a short time period e.g. car with more powerful engine is faster (same rate of energy transfer just quicker)

Conduction:

When vibrating particles transfer energy 2 other particles

Heating entails a thermal energy transfer (thermal → kinetic energy = particle collisions)

Thermal conductivity = how quick energy is transferred through materials (high = rapid energy transfer)

Convection:

When particles move from hot 2 cold regions

Liquids & gases:

thermal energy → particles → kinetic energy → collisions → more space between particles
→ low density → warm regions rise above cooler regions

Convection currents:

Radiators: conduction transfers energy from the radiator to atmosphere, air near radiator warms & rises then cool, dense air sinks & replaces rising air in a current!

Reducing 'wasted energy':

Lubrication to reduce friction e.g. oil

Homes: thick walls with low thermal conductivity 2 slow rate of energy transfer

Cavity (foam) walls/ double glazing: air gap reduces convection

Loft insulation reduces convection currents

Efficiency:

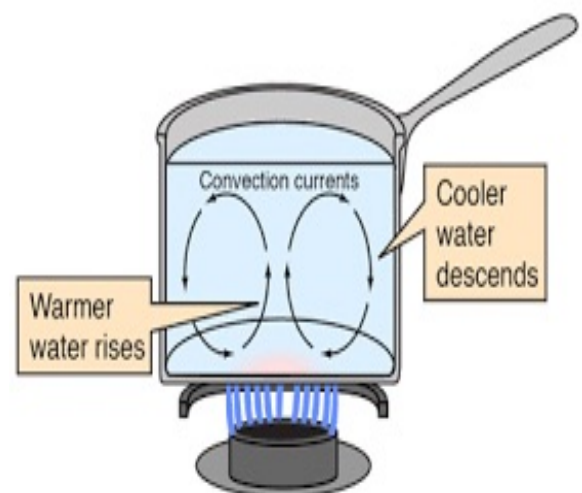
Less energy transfer to useful stores = more efficient device

Can: insulate, lubricate or make objects streamlined to enhance efficiency

$E = \text{useful output} / \text{total input}$

NO device = 100% efficient (transfer energy 2 thermal stores) except electric heaters (all energy transferred to thermal stores so ultimately efficient)

All energy is eventually transferred 2 thermal stores



Energy resources & Uses:

Renewables incl: solar, wind, biofuels; emit less carbon but unreliable so don't dominate energy mix

E.g. bio-fuel vehicles, geothermal heat pumps, solar for heating buildings

Wind: wind rotates blades so generators produce electricity;
pros- no atmospheric pollution, renewable, minimal running cost,
cons- visual/noise pollution, unreliable, high initial cost

Solar: cells generate electric currents from sunlight;
pros- no pollution, good 4 remote places,
cons- small-scale, unreliable, high initial cost

Geothermal: heat from decay of radioactive elements in earth's core;

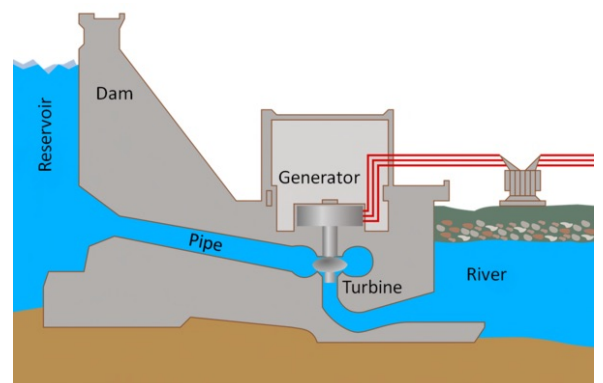
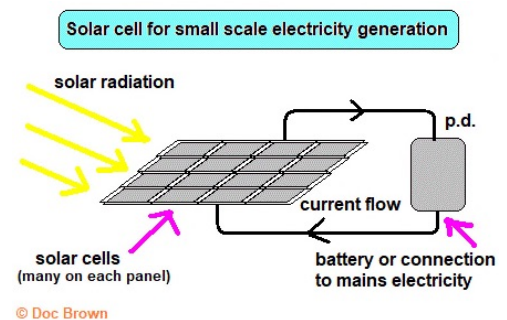
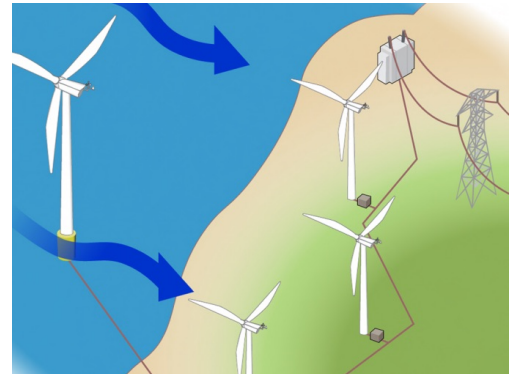
pros- low cost, little environmental damage, reliable,
cons- lack suitable locations & not economically viable

HEP: dam flooded & water drawn through turbines,
pros- no pollution, can immediately respond 2 demand surges,
cons- not reliable (drought), costly, floods valleys = methane emissions & loss of habitat

Wave: turbines on the coast,
pros- no pollution,
cons- disturbs sea bed, unreliable (wave size depends on wind speed), small-scale

Tides: barrages = dams across estuaries with spinning turbines,
pros- reliable, no pollution, decent energy generation,
cons- alter habitat, tide height is variable

Biofuels: biomass burnt,
pros: carbon neutral?, reliable,
cons- deforestation, carbon emissions as combustion, food shortage scares



Non-renewables:

Finite incl: natural gas, crude oil, coal; they emit carbon but are reliable

E.g. petrol/diesel vehicles or coal for steam trains

Natural gas for heating radiators or coal for fireplaces

Fossil fuels: reliable & meet current demand surges, cost effective,

BUT open-cast mining = visual pollution, emit carbon so enhance green house effect, sulfur dioxide emissions cause acid rain, oil spillages kill marine life= loss of biodiversity

Nuclear: clean energy but HIGH decommissioning cost & disasters e.g. Chernobyl

Energy Mix & Trends:

Dependence on fossil fuels as population rise = increased demand

UK: pledged 15% renewable energy by 2020

Renewable usage causes:

Global warning scares,

Pressure groups & government care

Hybrid & electric car manufacture

Limits to renewable usage:

Lifestyle changes = costly e.g. electric cars/solar panels

Research = costly & time consuming

Unreliable

Ethical issues regarding wind site placement & local communities

Tax increase to fund renewable projects objections

Political acceptance of the scientific consensus regarding the climate crisis

