

Energy: Electricity

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Activity 1

How many electrical appliances do you have in your home? What appliances do you have in the living room and the kitchen? With your partner make a list.

Activity 2

Read the questions and use them to begin a conversation with your partner.

1. Have you (or has someone you know) ever had an electric shock? Tell your partner about it.
2. What was life like before electricity was discovered?
3. How would your life be different without electricity?
4. What would you miss most in a world without electricity?
5. Is it dangerous to live near electricity pylons? Do they cause pollution?
6. Do you think the car of the future will be electric? Why/not?
7. What alternative energy sources are there to electricity? What are the advantages and disadvantages of each of them?
8. What do you think should be done to prevent blackouts in the future?

Activity 3

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1. The Italian physicist, Alessandro Volta, gave his name to the unit of electricity called a 'volt'. When was Volta born, and when did he die?
2. Which Scottish engineer gave his name to a unit of power?
3. Originally light bulbs were relatively inefficient (in comparison to more modern fluorescent ones) because they only converted a small amount of energy into light. How much energy did they convert into light?
a) 10% b) 15% c) 20%
4. What is the hidden word in the Quick Quiz?

Activity 4

Do you think we should build more nuclear power stations in order to generate more electricity? Why/not?

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