

## The energy we use

### Read what a teacher says about this activity

'The energy we use' activity is a great way of raising awareness of what we use energy for and where it comes. Today we hear a lot about climate change on the news and this topic is becoming more and more important. When I use this activity with my learners I can see them learning far more than just English.

<b>Stage 1: Prepare the words</b>	Either write up the following questions on the board, or dictate them to your learners. <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. What is energy?</li><li>2. What things do you have in your house that need energy? Make a list.</li><li>3. What kind of energy do each of these things use? (e.g. gas, electricity, wood etc.)</li><li>4. Where does this energy come from? How is it made?</li><li>5. Which of your electrical items could you live without? Which couldn't you live without?</li></ol>
<b>Stage 2: Introduce</b>	Put learners in groups and say: 'Discuss the questions together. Make notes of your groups answers.'
<b>Stage 3: Discuss</b>	Monitor as they are discussing. Provide any vocabulary which might be useful.
<b>Stage 4: Share</b>	Say: 'Let's share our answers together.' Write up anything interesting on the board and try to reach a class consensus.
<b>Stage 5: repeat</b>	Repeat with a different word or grammar item.

**Using activities that include social issues is a good way of encouraging your learners to think about the world around them and to take personal responsibility for their behaviour and the decisions they make.**

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