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**2017 was UK's greenest energy year ever – 30th December, 2017**

## **Level 0**

The UK is using more green energy and fewer fossil fuels. It had its greenest year ever for electricity in 2017. It also broke 13 clean energy records. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas and coal. The UK now has the seventh cleanest energy system in the world.

The UK wants to use less coal and gas to meet greenhouse gas targets. The UK uses too much gas. A charity said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018." It said climate change is damaging nature and wildlife. Clean energy is the best way to a clean future.

## **Level 1**

The UK is using more green energy, like wind, nuclear and solar energy. It is using fewer fossil fuels. New figures show that 2017 was the UK's greenest year ever for electricity. It also had its first coal-free day for 150 years and broke 13 clean energy records. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas and coal for the first time. The UK's power system is now the seventh cleanest in the world.

The UK wants to use less coal, which supplies less than 7 per cent of its electricity. It also wants to use less gas to meet greenhouse gas targets. The UK uses too much gas. A charity is happy that the UK is becoming greener. It said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is [damaging] our nature and wildlife, but we are...turning our backs on...fossil fuels [for a] clean future."

## **Level 2**

The UK is increasing its use of renewable energy. It is moving from fossil fuels to green energy, such as wind, nuclear and solar energy. New figures show that the UK had its greenest year ever in 2017 for producing electricity. In 2017, the UK had its first coal-free day for over 150 years. The UK broke 13 clean energy records in 2017. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas and coal. It is the first time this has happened. The UK's power system is now the fourth cleanest in Europe and the seventh cleanest in the world.

The UK has been trying to reduce how much coal it uses. Coal now supplies less than 7 per cent of the UK's electricity. The government wants to use less gas to meet its greenhouse gas target. The UK uses too much gas. The charity World Wildlife Fund is pleased that the UK is moving towards greener energy. It said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is [damaging] our nature and wildlife, but we are...facing up to the challenge. We are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels [for a] clean future."

## **Level 3**

The United Kingdom is doing a lot to increase its use of renewable energy. It is moving away from fossil fuels and making more use of green energies, such as wind power, nuclear power and solar energy. New figures from the UK's electricity provider show that the UK had its greenest year ever in 2017 for electricity production. It even had its first coal-free day for over 150 years. The UK broke 13 clean energy records in 2017. In June, wind, nuclear and solar power produced more electricity than gas and coal combined. It was the first time this has ever happened. The UK's power system is now the fourth cleanest in Europe and the seventh cleanest in the world.

The United Kingdom has been trying to reduce the amount of coal it uses. Coal now supplies less than 7 per cent of the UK's electricity. A spokesman said it must now try to use less gas to make sure it meets its target for greenhouse gas emissions. The UK currently uses too much gas. The conservation charity World Wildlife Fund said it was pleased that the UK is moving towards greener energy. It said: "We have never been cleaner or greener, and we are on [target] for an even better year in 2018." It added: "Climate change is wreaking havoc on our nature and wildlife, but we are at last facing up to the challenge. We are turning our backs on polluting fossil fuels and embracing a new, clean future."