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Level 0 – 16th April 2026

UK could get free electricity on sunny weekends

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Please try Levels 1, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260416-free-electricity-0.html>

People in the UK could get free electricity this summer.

Power companies can generate more than enough energy on sunny days. They do not want to waste it. In summer, they can use solar panels more. Energy companies say people could use washing machines and charge their electric cars for free when the sun is shining.

The idea for free power came from an energy operator. It is responsible for creating energy today, and for reaching carbon zero. It explained that it would reward people for "flexible electricity use". The company National Gas believes there could be free electricity this summer even if there is war in the Middle East.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. People in the UK could | a. waste it |
| 2. companies can generate more | b. companies |
| 3. They do not want to | c. is shining |
| 4. they can use solar | d. than enough energy |
| 5. energy | e. panels more |
| 6. people could use washing | f. for free |
| 7. charge their electric cars | g. get free electricity |
| 8. when the sun | h. machines |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The idea for free | a. be free electricity |
| 2. an energy | b. zero |
| 3. It is responsible | c. operator |
| 4. for reaching carbon | d. Middle East |
| 5. reward people for flexible | e. for creating energy |
| 6. The company | f. National Gas |
| 7. there could | g. electricity use |
| 8. war in the | h. power |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People in the UK (1) _____ electricity this summer. Power companies (2) _____ than enough (3) _____ days. They do not (4) _____ it. In summer, they can use solar panels more. Energy companies say people (5) _____ machines and charge their electric cars for free when the (6) _____.

The idea for free power came from (7) _____. It is responsible for creating energy today, and (8) _____ zero. It explained that it would (9) _____ "flexible electricity use". The company National Gas believes there (10) _____ electricity (11) _____ if there is war in (12) _____.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ELECTRICITY

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Write five GOOD questions about electricity in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

