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**Level 1 – 16th April 2026**

## **UK could get free electricity on sunny weekends**

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**Please try Levels 0, 2 and 3. They are (a little) harder.**

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# THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260416-free-electricity-1.html>

People in the UK could get free electricity this summer because power companies have too much energy. They can generate more than enough energy on sunny days. They do not want to waste it. In summer, there is more electricity from solar panels. Energy suppliers say people could use electrical goods like washing machines and dishwashers and charge electric cars for free when the sun is shining.

The idea for free power came from the UK's National Energy System Operator (NESO). It is responsible for "delivering the energy of today and the future" and for reaching carbon zero. NESO explained what was good about its new idea. It said it would "reward consumers and businesses for flexible electricity use". A spokesman from 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

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260416-free-electricity-1.html>

## PARAGRAPH ONE:

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

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                 |                       |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The idea for free            | a. use                |
| 2. responsible for delivering   | b. the future         |
| 3. today and                    | c. about its new idea |
| 4. reaching carbon              | d. the energy         |
| 5. NESO explained what was good | e. in the Middle East |
| 6. it would reward consumers    | f. zero               |
| 7. flexible electricity         | g. and businesses     |
| 8. even if there is war         | h. power              |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260416-free-electricity-1.html>

People in the UK (1) \_\_\_\_\_ electricity this summer because power companies (2) \_\_\_\_\_ energy. They can generate (3) \_\_\_\_\_ energy on sunny days. They do not (4) \_\_\_\_\_ it. In summer, there is more electricity from solar panels. Energy suppliers say people could (5) \_\_\_\_\_ like washing machines and dishwashers and charge electric cars for free when the (6) \_\_\_\_\_.

The idea (7) \_\_\_\_\_ came from the UK's National Energy System Operator (NESO). It is responsible for "delivering (8) \_\_\_\_\_ today and the future" and for (9) \_\_\_\_\_. NESO explained what was good about its new idea. It said it would "(10) \_\_\_\_\_ businesses for flexible electricity use". A spokesman from National Gas (11) \_\_\_\_\_ be free electricity this summer even if there is war in (12) \_\_\_\_\_.

# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# ELECTRICITY SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2604/260416-free-electricity-4.html>

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) \_\_\_\_\_

