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Level 2 – 16th April 2026

UK could get free electricity on sunny weekends

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Please try Levels 0, 1 and 3. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

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People in the UK could get free electricity this summer. This is because power companies will have too much energy. They do not want to waste it. In summer, people use less electricity. There is also more energy from solar panels. Power companies say they can generate more than enough energy on sunny days. This means electricity companies could allow houses and businesses to use electricity for free. Energy suppliers say people could use appliances like washing machines or dishwashers and charge electric vehicles at no cost when the sun is shining.

The idea for cut-price or free power came from the UK's National Energy System Operator. It is "responsible for planning and delivering the energy of today and the future". It says it will "deliver what is needed to reach a zero-carbon future". A spokeswoman explained what was good about the new idea. She 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 the Middle East is at war. He said the UK energy market is able to meet demand.

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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. companies will have too | a. shining |
| 2. They do not want to | b. panels |
| 3. energy from solar | c. or dishwashers |
| 4. they can generate more than | d. much energy |
| 5. people could use | e. at no cost |
| 6. washing machines | f. waste it |
| 7. charge electric vehicles | g. appliances |
| 8. when the sun is | h. enough energy |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. The idea for cut- | a. at war |
| 2. delivering the energy of | b. needed |
| 3. It says it will deliver what is | c. the new idea |
| 4. each a zero- | d. and businesses |
| 5. what was good about | e. price or free power |
| 6. it would reward consumers | f. carbon future |
| 7. free electricity this | g. today |
| 8. even if the Middle East is | h. summer |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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People in the UK (1) _____ electricity this summer. This is because power companies will have too much energy. They do not want (2) _____. In summer, people (3) _____. There is also more energy from solar panels. Power companies say they can generate more than (4) _____ sunny days. This means electricity companies could allow houses and businesses to use (5) _____. Energy suppliers say people could use appliances like washing machines or dishwashers and charge electric vehicles at no cost when the (6) _____.

The idea for (7) _____ free power came from the UK's National Energy System Operator. It is "responsible for planning (8) _____ energy of today and the future". It says it will "deliver what is needed to reach (9) _____ future". A spokeswoman explained what was good about the new idea. She said (10) _____ consumers and businesses for flexible electricity use". A spokesman from National Gas believes there could be free electricity this (11) _____ the Middle East is at war. He said the UK energy market is (12) _____ demand.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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ELECTRICITY SURVEY

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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) _____

