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UK could get free electricity on sunny weekends

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THE ARTICLE

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

People in the UK could get discounted or even free electricity this summer. This is because energy companies may have too much energy. They do not want to waste it. In summer, people use less electricity because they turn on lights less. There is also more energy coming from solar panels. Power companies say that on sunny days, "weather conditions result in excess supply". This means electricity companies could allow houses and businesses to use electricity for free on sunny weekends. Energy suppliers say households could use appliances like washing machines or dishwashers and charge electric vehicles at no cost during periods of excess supply.

The idea for cut-price or free power came from the National Energy System Operator (NESO). Its website says it is "responsible for planning and delivering the energy of today and the future". The operator also says it will "deliver what is needed to reach a zero-carbon future". A NESO spokeswoman explained the benefits of the new idea. She said it would "not only reward consumers and businesses for flexible electricity use," but also make Great Britain's electricity network stronger and more efficient. A spokesman from National Gas believes there could be free summer power even with the war in the Middle East. He said: "The market has the capacity to deliver sufficient supply."

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WARM-UPS

1. ELECTRICITY: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about electricity. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

the UK / electricity / summer / energy companies / lights / weather / sunny weekends
discounted / free power / planning / the future / zero-carbon / the Middle East

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. SOLAR PANELS: Students A **strongly** believe we should all have solar panels; Students B **strongly** believe that's not necessary. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. ENERGY: What are the good and bad things about these sources of energy? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	Good Things	Bad Things
Oil		
Solar		
Wind		
Coal		
Nuclear		
Geothermal		

5. SUMMER: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "summer". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. APPLIANCES: Rank these with your partner. Put the most useful appliances at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Washing machine
- Dishwasher
- Vacuum cleaner
- Kettle
- Hair dryer
- Air conditioner
- Microwave oven
- Rice cooker

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|-----------------------|---|
| 1. discounted | a. The amount of something that is available. |
| 2. waste (verb) | b. To cause something to happen. |
| 3. result in | c. To use something badly or throw it away when it can still be used. |
| 4. excess (adjective) | d. Things used to drive people to places, like cars, taxis, trucks, buses, motorbikes, etc. |
| 5. supply (noun) | e. Cheaper than the usual price. |
| 6. appliances | f. More than what is needed. |
| 7. vehicles | g. Machines in the home, like a fridge or washing machine. |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|-------------------|---|
| 8. responsible | h. Good things that help you. |
| 9. delivering | i. Using time or energy well without waste. |
| 10. zero-carbon | j. To give something good to someone because they did something well. |
| 11. benefits | k. Taking something to a place. |
| 12. reward (verb) | l. Enough for what is needed. |
| 13. efficient | m. Doing what you should do and taking care of things. |
| 14. sufficient | n. Not producing harmful gases. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

1. Electricity in the UK will be free all summer. **T / F**
2. People in the UK use electricity more in the summer. **T / F**
3. The article says all the UK's power is from solar panels in the summer. **T / F**
4. People in the UK could use their dishwasher for free in the summer. **T / F**
5. The group NESO wants a zero-carbon future. **T / F**
6. NESO said people will be rewarded for flexible electricity use. **T / F**
7. A spokesman said war in the Middle East would stop free electricity. **T / F**
8. The spokesman said the UK's energy market has enough capacity. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH: (The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

- | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. discounted | a. lead to |
| 2. energy | b. conflict |
| 3. result in | c. in charge of |
| 4. excess | d. provide |
| 5. appliances | e. too much |
| 6. responsible for | f. reduced |
| 7. deliver | g. well organized |
| 8. efficient | h. power |
| 9. war | i. enough |
| 10. sufficient | j. machines |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. People in the UK could get discounted or even | a. washing machines |
| 2. They do not want to | b. efficient |
| 3. weather conditions result | c. no cost |
| 4. use appliances like | d. in excess supply |
| 5. charge electric vehicles at | e. zero-carbon future |
| 6. cut-price or | f. free electricity |
| 7. deliver what is needed to reach a | g. capacity |
| 8. stronger and more | h. in the Middle East |
| 9. free summer power even with the war | i. waste it |
| 10. The market has the | j. free power |

GAP FILL

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

People in the UK could get (1) _____ or even free electricity this summer. This is because energy companies may have too much energy. They do not want to (2) _____ it. In summer, people use less electricity because they turn on lights (3) _____. There is also more energy coming from solar (4) _____. Power companies say that on sunny days, "weather conditions (5) _____ in excess supply". This means electricity companies could allow houses and (6) _____ to use electricity for free on sunny weekends. Energy suppliers say households could (7) _____ appliances like washing machines or dishwashers and charge electric vehicles at (8) _____ cost during periods of excess supply.

The (9) _____ for cut-price or free power came from the National Energy System Operator (NESO). Its website says it is "responsible for (10) _____ and delivering the energy of today and the future". The operator also says it will "deliver what is needed to (11) _____ a zero-carbon future". A NESO spokeswoman explained the benefits of the new idea. She said it would "not (12) _____ reward consumers and businesses for flexible electricity (13) _____," but also make Great Britain's electricity (14) _____ stronger and more efficient. A spokesman from National Gas believes there could be free summer power even with the (15) _____ in the Middle East. He said: "The market has the capacity to (16) _____ sufficient supply."

result
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use
discounted
panels
no
businesses
less

planning
network
deliver
reach
use
idea
war
only

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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

- 1) People in the UK could get discounted or even free _____
 - a. electricity that summer
 - b. electricity this summer
 - c. electricity these summers
 - d. electricity this summery
- 2) This is because energy companies may have _____
 - a. too much energies
 - b. too many energy
 - c. to match energy
 - d. too much energy
- 3) They do not want _____
 - a. to waits it
 - b. to waste its
 - c. to waste it
 - d. to weighs it
- 4) on sunny days weather conditions result _____
 - a. in excess supply
 - b. in access supply
 - c. on excess supply
 - d. on access supply
- 5) use appliances like washing machines or dishwashers and charge electric vehicles _____
 - a. at not cost
 - b. at new cost
 - c. at no cost
 - d. at non cost
- 6) responsible for planning and delivering the energy of today _____
 - a. and the future
 - b. and a future
 - c. end the future
 - d. inner future
- 7) A NESO spokeswoman explained the benefits of _____
 - a. anew idea
 - b. the newt idea
 - c. the news idea
 - d. the new idea
- 8) make Great Britain's electricity network stronger _____
 - a. and more efficiently
 - b. and more efficient
 - c. and more efficiency
 - d. and more efficiencies
- 9) National Gas believes there could be free summer power even _____
 - a. wither war
 - b. within war
 - c. with war
 - d. with the war
- 10) The market has the capacity to _____
 - a. delivers sufficient supply
 - b. deliver sufficient supply
 - c. delivery sufficient supply
 - d. delivered sufficient supply

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

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

1. Why might people in the UK get discounted or free electricity?
2. What do people in the UK not turn on so often in summer?
3. What does the UK get more energy from in the summer?
4. What did power companies say sunny days result in?
5. What appliance was mentioned besides washing machines?
6. What idea did the National Energy System Operator (NESO) have?
7. What does NESO want to deliver the necessary things for?
8. Who did NESO say the free electricity plan would reward?
9. What will flexible electricity use make Great Britain's electricity network?
10. What did a National Gas spokesman say would not affect free electricity?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

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

- 1) Why might people in the UK get discounted or free electricity?
 - a) They have eco-friendly appliances.
 - b) climate change
 - c) They have UK passports.
 - d) energy companies have too much energy
- 2) What do people in the UK not turn on so often in summer?
 - a) air conditioners
 - b) lights
 - c) cold-water taps
 - d) the charm
- 3) What does the UK get more energy from in the summer?
 - a) nuclear energy
 - b) the European Union
 - c) biofuels
 - d) solar panels
- 4) What did power companies say sunny days result in?
 - a) more flowers
 - b) more days in the park
 - c) excess supply
 - d) an increase in picnics
- 5) What appliance was mentioned besides washing machines?
 - a) rice cookers
 - b) air conditioners
 - c) kettles
 - d) dishwashers
- 6) What idea did the National Energy System Operator (NESO) have?
 - a) using air conditioners less
 - b) more eco-friendly appliances
 - c) cut-price or free power
 - d) how to live without oil
- 7) What does NESO want to deliver the necessary things for?
 - a) a zero-carbon future
 - b) pizza delivery drivers
 - c) eco-friendly appliances
 - d) Amazon
- 8) Who did NESO say the free electricity plan would reward?
 - a) gardeners and farmers
 - b) nuclear power companies
 - c) consumers and businesses
 - d) appliance makers
- 9) What will flexible electricity use make Great Britain's electricity network?
 - a) faster and more powerful
 - b) stronger and more efficient
 - c) cheaper and better value
 - d) more convenient
- 10) What did a National Gas spokesman say would not affect free electricity?
 - a) war in the Middle East
 - b) climate change
 - c) rainy weather
 - d) more spending on appliances

ROLE PLAY

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

Role A – A Washing Machine

You think a washing machine is the most useful appliance. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their appliances. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): microwave oven, hair dryer or vacuum cleaner.

Role B – A Microwave Oven

You think a microwave oven is the most useful appliance. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their appliances. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): washing machine, hair dryer or vacuum cleaner.

Role C – A Hair Dryer

You think a hair dryer is the most useful appliance. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their appliances. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): microwave oven, washing machine or vacuum cleaner.

Role D – A Vacuum Cleaner

You think a vacuum cleaner is the most useful appliance. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their appliances. Also, tell the others which is the least useful of these (and why): microwave oven, hair dryer or washing machine.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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

1. WORD SEARCH: Look online / in your dictionary to find collocates, information on, synonyms for... the words 'sunny' and 'weekend'.

sunny	weekend
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• discounted• waste• lights• solar• allow• machines	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• cut• delivering• zero• flexible• spokesman• capacity
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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.

ELECTRICITY DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'sunny'?
3. What do you do on sunny weekends?
4. What do you do on rainy weekends?
5. What can we do to use less electricity?
6. What do you think of the UK giving people electricity for free?
7. What do you think of solar panels?
8. How much do we need dishwashers and other appliances?
9. What do you think of electric vehicles?
10. Should we stop using fossil fuels?

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ELECTRICITY DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'electricity'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What kinds of energy will we use in the future?
15. What is your country doing to reach carbon-zero?
16. How is the war in the Middle East affecting you?
17. What do you think of gas prices rising?
18. How much of your country's energy comes from renewables?
19. What will happen in the Middle East in the next 10 years?
20. What questions would you like to ask the electricity companies?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|----------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. | (a) discount | (b) discounts | (c) discounted | (d) discounter |
| 2. | (a) much | (b) most | (c) more | (d) many |
| 3. | (a) coming | (b) came | (c) come | (d) comes |
| 4. | (a) allow | (b) allowing | (c) allowance | (d) allowable |
| 5. | (a) applies | (b) appliances | (c) apples | (d) apps |
| 6. | (a) in | (b) on | (c) at | (d) of |
| 7. | (a) down | (b) cost | (c) cut | (d) big |
| 8. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) to | (d) for |
| 9. | (a) reach | (b) come | (c) do | (d) arrive |
| 10. | (a) only | (b) such | (c) that | (d) for |
| 11. | (a) efficiency | (b) efficient | (c) efficiently | (d) efficiencies |
| 12. | (a) delivery | (b) delivers | (c) deliver | (d) deliveries |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. get ucdisdtnoe or even free electricity
2. They do not want to twesa it
3. energy coming from olras panels
4. result in excess pslypu
5. houses and nusesbsies
6. electric civlhees

Paragraph 2

7. slbesipeorn for planning
8. lrvgeiedin the energy
9. reach a zero- nborca future
10. beileflx electricity use
11. stronger and more icetfenfi
12. The market has the picaatcy

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () and businesses for flexible electricity use," but also make Great Britain's electricity network stronger and more
- () companies may have too much energy. They do not want to waste it. In summer, people use less
- () efficient. A spokesman from National Gas believes there could be free summer power even with the war
- () electricity because they turn on lights less. There is also more energy coming from solar
- () explained the benefits of the new idea. She said it would "not only reward consumers
- () free on sunny weekends. Energy suppliers say households could use appliances like washing
- () future". The operator also says it will "deliver what is needed to reach a zero-carbon future". A NESO spokeswoman
- () in excess supply". This means electricity companies could allow houses and businesses to use electricity for
- () in the Middle East. He said: "The market has the capacity to deliver sufficient supply."
- () machines or dishwashers and charge electric vehicles at no cost during periods of excess supply.
- () panels. Power companies say that on sunny days, "weather conditions result
- (**1**) People in the UK could get discounted or even free electricity this summer. This is because energy
- () says it is "responsible for planning and delivering the energy of today and the
- () The idea for cut-price or free power came from the National Energy System Operator (NESO). Its website

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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

1. Discounted electricity even free or summer this .
2. because companies energy have is much This too .
3. coming energy from is more panels solar There .
4. electricity for free on sunny They use weekends .
5. at can charge cost electric no They vehicles .
6. for is it Its planning responsible says website .
7. a Deliver future needed reach to what's zero-carbon .
8. Britain's could electricity Great It make network stronger .
9. even Free in Middle East power the war with .
10. capacity deliver has market The the to .

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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

People in the UK could get *discounted* / *discount* or even free electricity this summer. This is because energy companies may have too *many* / *much* energy. They do not want to waste *them* / *it*. In summer, people use less electricity because they turn *on* / *off* lights less. There is also more energy coming from *solar* / *lunar* panels. Power companies say that on sunny days, "weather conditions result *in* / *on* excess supply". This means electricity companies could *allow* / *let* houses and businesses to use electricity for free on sunny weekends. Energy *suppliers* / *supplies* say households could use *appliances* / *appliance* like washing machines or dishwashers and charge electric vehicles at no cost during periods of *excess* / *access* supply.

The idea for cut-price or free power *went* / *came* from the National Energy System Operator (NESO). Its website says it is "*responsibility* / *responsible* for planning and delivering the *energy* / *energetic* of today and the future". The operator also says it will "*deliver* / *delivering* what is needed to reach a zero-carbon future". A NESO spokeswoman explained *the* / *a* benefits of the new idea. She said it would "not only *prize* / *reward* consumers and businesses for flexible electricity *use* / *abuse*," but also make Great Britain's electricity network *strength* / *stronger* and more efficient. A spokesman from National Gas believes there could be free summer power *ever* / *even* with the war in the Middle East. He said: "The market has the capacity *for* / *to* deliver sufficient supply."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct. Look up the definition of new words.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

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

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. WEEKENDS: Make a poster about weekends. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. ELECTRICITY: Write a magazine article about making electricity from renewables free. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on electricity. Ask him/her three questions about electricity. Give him/her three of your ideas. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. e 2. c 3. b 4. f 5. a 6. g 7. d
8. m 9. k 10. n 11. h 12. j 13. i 14. l

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- 1 F 2 F 3 F 4 T 5 T 6 T 7 F 8 T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. f	2. h	3. a	4. e	5. j
6. c	7. d	8. g	9. b	10. i

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

- Energy companies have too much energy
- Lights
- Solar panels
- Excess supply
- Dishwashers
- Cut-price or free power
- A zero-carbon future
- Consumers and businesses
- Stronger and more efficient
- War in the Middle East

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.19)

- Discounted or even free electricity this summer.
- This is because energy companies have too much.
- There is more energy coming from solar panels.
- They use electricity for free on sunny weekends.
- They can charge electric vehicles at no cost.
- Its website says it is responsible for planning.
- Deliver what's needed to reach a zero-carbon future.
- It could make Great Britain's electricity network stronger.
- Free power even with war in the Middle East.
- The market has the capacity to deliver.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. d 2. b 3. d 4. c 5. d 6. c 7. a 8. c 9. b 10. a

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)