

P1: Energy - Knowledge organisers

Section 1: Energy stores and methods of transfer

1 Chemical store	Energy stored as chemicals waiting to react .
2 Kinetic store	Energy stored in objects that move .
3 Gravitational Potential store	Energy stored in objects raised up against the force of gravity .
4 Elastic Potential store	Energy stored in an object that have been stretched .
5 Internal store	Energy stored in the movement of particles. It is a combination of the kinetic energy of the particles and the potential energy of particles that are apart from each other. Can be modified by heating or cooling .
6 Nuclear store	Energy stored in the nuclei of atoms that can fuse (nuclear fusion) or split (nuclear fission).
7 Magnetic store	Energy stored in magnets that are attracting or repelling .
8 Electrostatic store	Energy stored in electric charges that are attracting or repelling .
9 Mechanical transfer	Energy transferred when a force moves through a distance .
10 Electrical transfer	Energy transferred when a charge moves .
11 Radiation transfer	Energy transferred by electromagnetic radiation .
12 Heat transfer	Energy transferred when an object is heated .

Section 2: Equations to learn

Calculation	Equation	Symbol equation	Units
13 Kinetic energy store	Kinetic energy = $0.5 \times \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}^2$	$E_k = 0.5 m v^2$	Energy – Joules (J) Mass – kilograms (kg) Velocity – metres per second (m/s)
14 Gravitational potential energy store	Gravitational potential energy = mass x gravitational field strength x height	$E_p = m g h$	Energy – Joules (J) Mass – kilograms (kg) Gravitational field strength – Newtons per kilogram (N/kg) Height – metres (m)
15 Power	Power = energy transferred ÷ time	$P = \frac{E}{t}$	Power – Watts (W) Energy transferred – Joules (J) Time – seconds (s)
16 Power	Power = work done ÷ time	$P = \frac{W}{t}$	Power – Watts (W) Work done – Joules (J) Time – seconds (s)
17 Efficiency	Efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful energy output}}{\text{total energy input}}$		Energy – Joules (J)
18 Efficiency	Efficiency = $\frac{\text{useful power output}}{\text{total power input}}$		Power – Watts (W)

Section 3: Energy Resources

Resource	Renew-able?	Uses	Advantages	Disadvantages
19 Fossil Fuels	No	Electricity, transport, heating	Reliable – electricity can be generated all of the time. Relatively cheap way of generating electricity.	Produces carbon dioxide , a greenhouse gas that causes global warming . Can produce sulphur dioxide , a gas that causes acid rain .
20 Nuclear Fuel	No	Electricity	Produces no carbon dioxide when generating electricity. Reliable – electricity can be generated all of the time.	Produces nuclear waste that remains radioactive for thousands of years. Expensive to build and decommission power stations.
21 Bio Fuel	Yes	Heating, electricity	Carbon neutral . Reliable – electricity can be generated all of the time.	Production of fuel may damage ecosystems and create a monoculture .
22 Wind	Yes	Electricity	No CO₂ produced while generating electricity.	Unreliable – may not produce electricity during low wind . Expensive to construct.
23 Hydroelectricity	Yes	Electricity	No CO₂ produced while generating electricity.	Blocks rivers stopping fish migration . Unreliable – may not produce electricity during droughts .
24 Geothermal	Yes	Electricity, heating	Does not damage ecosystems . Reliable source of electricity generation.	Fluids drawn from ground may contain greenhouse gases such as CO₂ and methane . These contribute to global warming .
25 Tidal	Yes	Electricity	No CO₂ produced while generating electricity.	Unreliable – tides vary . May damage tidal ecosystem e.g. mudflats.
26 Waves	Yes	Electricity	No CO₂ produced while generating electricity.	Unreliable – may not produce electricity during calm seas .
27 Solar	Yes	Electricity, heating	No CO₂ produced while generating electricity.	Unreliable – does not produce electricity at night . Limited production on cloudy days. Expensive to construct.

Section 4: Key terms

28 Dissipation	Energy becoming spread out instead of in a concentrated store. "Wasted" energy.
29 Lubrication	A method of reducing unwanted energy transfers by application of a lubricant (e.g. oil) to reduce friction . Occurs in machines.
30 Insulation	A method of reducing energy transfers by the use of insulators (non-conductive material). Occurs in buildings.
31 Conservation of energy	The law that states that energy cannot be created or destroyed .
32 Specific heat capacity	The energy needed to raise 1kg of a material by 1°C .