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generator



power plant

cable

A place where electricity is generated.

A thick wire that carries electricity from one pylon to another.

national grid

The national grid is the network of cables that send electricity from the power plant around the country to homes and factories.

renewable

resources

Energy sources that will never run out. Wind and the sun are renewable resources

non-renewable resources

Energy sources that will run out one day. Coal and uranium (for nuclear power) are non-renewable resources

fossil fuels

Coal, oil and gas are fossil fuels. They come from animals and plants that died a long time ago.

kinetic energy

Something has kinetic energy when it is moving. A ball has kinetic energy when someone throws it.

gravitational potential energy (GPE)

Potential energy is stored energy. An object has GPE when it has been lifted above the surface of the earth. A ball has GPE when someone picks it up and puts it on the table.