

Writing a two-sided argument essay

Topic: wind energy [example]

Argument: *Can wind energy replace conventional electricity power stations?*

Type: General

Level: **** [B1/B2]

Lesson Aim

To develop the students' ability to generate main ideas with support and write a two-sided argument essay.

3 types of lesson (writing x2 / reading x1).

1. Writing

- Ask Students to discuss question: *Can wind energy replace conventional electricity power stations?*
- Write down the arguments in favour and in opposition.
- Feed in / check key vocabulary (see next page).

Free Writing #1:

1. Distribute **outline #1** (blank).
2. Students complete outline using ideas discussed previously.
3. Students write the essay using the completed outline.
4. Students compare their essay with the model essay.
5. Extra: Reading Exercise.

Guided Writing #2:

1. Distribute **outline#2** (completed with points).
2. Students write the essay using outline.
3. Students compare their essay with the model essay.

Marking student's work:

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2. Reading

1. Distribute text and **outline #3** (blank).
2. Students read the essay and complete outline with key points and support.
3. Students check answers with **outline #4**.

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Key vocabulary

1. Sustainable / renewable energy
2. Coal fired power station / Nuclear powered station
3. Fossil fuel / coal / oil / gas
4. Solar / [REDACTED] power
5. A wind turbine
6. A flaw
7. A [REDACTED]
8. To utilise
9. [REDACTED] (GHGs)
10. CO2 emissions
11. Climate Change
12. [REDACTED]
13. Reliability
14. Not [REDACTED] (NIMBY)
15. A wind farm
16. 'to [REDACTED] landscape'
17. A reliance on something
18. A greener society

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There has been much debate recently [redacted] energy and whether it can [redacted] and nuclear-fired power stations. Sustainable energy is defined as a source of energy that is renewable. It [redacted] unlike unsustainable sources such as the fossil fuels of coal, oil and gas and the mineral uranium used [redacted] stations. The main sources [redacted] solar, wind and hydro which are plentiful on the earth, and innovative technology has been developed [redacted] sources. This essay will investigate one of these sources: wind energy, which uses wind [redacted], and will discuss the main positives and negatives associated with using wind energy. It will suggest that wind energy as a [redacted] has significant [redacted] of coal and nuclear power stations, but used with a variety of renewable sources could be an [redacted].

There are many key advantages to utilising wind energy to produce electricity. The main advantage is [redacted], which is [redacted] the British Isles. In fact, the U.K. is highly dependent on importing fossil fuels from other countries for its [redacted] is at the mercy of [redacted] politics. The second most important point is that wind energy is a non-polluting source of energy. Thus, when [redacted] no greenhouse [redacted] unlike the current power stations which are responsible for 25% of the U.K.s CO2 emissions. In addition, wind energy could [redacted] in preventing climate change. The final key consideration is that wind energy is cost effective. Although the initial [redacted] for the materials and [redacted], once in place the maintenance costs are low and a turbine can run for 100 years, unlike coal or [redacted] only operate [redacted], wind energy has important economic and technological factors.

Unfortunately, wind energy has a [redacted] that need to be addressed to understand how this renewable source of electricity production could [redacted] greener society. Firstly, [redacted]. Although the UK is an island and has a considerable amount of wind, this wind is not always [redacted] when the wind [redacted] and at what strength. As a consequence, this creates a serious problem in failing to meet peak [redacted] and evenings. This takes us to the second serious issue that there is no storage system for the excess electricity [redacted] much electricity, it [redacted] turbines are turned off. At this present moment, there is no technological development for how this energy [redacted] where giant-[redacted] absorb the additional energy, can be stored. This applies to all renewable source electricity production. The difference [redacted] stations is that [redacted] off and on when energy is needed. The final problem is noise and visual pollution. The majority [redacted] energy and more [redacted]. These people are called NIMBYs (Not In My Back Yard). This is perfectly understandable as wind turbines

are noisy as they [REDACTED] the natural landscape, making the countryside look mechanised. One solution is to put wind turbines in the sea around the coasts of the U.K.

Overall, wind [REDACTED] for electricity [REDACTED] for the diminishing fossil fuels, a cleaner source of energy and reduced economic costs. However, there are serious [REDACTED], where to [REDACTED] electricity. It seems that a combination of sustainable sources of energy from wind, solar, hydro and [REDACTED] our reliance [REDACTED] production. Overall, societies need to integrate renewable energy for a greener less polluting society.

[720 words]

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Outline #1

Make notes using this outline to plan an essay on: *Can wind energy replace conventional electricity power stations?*

Introduction	
General	
Specific	
Outline & Thesis	

Yes - write your ideas and support

1.Point / idea:

Support:

2.Point:

Support:

3.Point

Support:

No - write your ideas and support

1.Point / idea:

Support:

2.Point:

Support:

3.Point

Support:

Conclusion	
Summary	
Thesis	
Suggestion	

Outline #2

Use these ideas to write a two-sided argument on: Can wind energy replace conventional electricity power stations?

Introduction	
General	Debate = the importance of sustainable energy.
Definition	Sustainable = source of energy [redacted] infinite and will never [redacted].
Specific	Main sources = solar, wind and [redacted]. A lot of [redacted] technology.
Outline & Thesis	This essay will investigate wind energy, and will discuss the associated main positives and negatives. Wind energy as a primary source of electricity = [redacted] but used with a variety of [redacted] could be an effective substitute.

Positives

1. Freely available.

- UKs = dependent on importing fossil fuels.
- Oil = price fluctuations & international politics.

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Outline #3

Read the essay on: *Can wind energy replace conventional electricity power stations?*
 Fill in the outline (*basic notes only*)

Introduction	
General	
Definition	
Specific	
Outline & Thesis	

Yes - find the main points and support

1. _____
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2. _____
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3. _____
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No - find the main points and support

1. _____
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2. _____
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3. _____
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Conclusion	
Summary	
Thesis	
Suggestion	

Outline #4: ANSWERS

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Positives	
1. Freely available.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U.K. is highly dependent on importing fossil fuels. • Oil = price fluctuations & international politics. 	

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