KS3 Physics Knowledge Organiser -Energy Transfers and Energy Resources

Energy cannot be created or destroyed

just transferred from one store to another

Fuel	Material that is burned to release its energy			
Joule	Unit of energy, symbol J			
Kilojoule	Unit of energy equal to 1000J symbol kJ			
Energy	A source of stored energy that can be			
resource	released in a useful way.			
Power (W)	Amount of energy something transfers each second Power(W) = energy transferred (J) ÷			
	time taken (s)			
Watt (W)	Unit of power. Rate of transfer of energy			
Kilowatt (kW)	Unit of power. Equal to 1000J			
Kilowatt hour	Energy transferred per hour			
Energy used	Energy used (kWh) = power (kW) x time (h)			
Fossil fuel	Coal, natural gas, oil. Formed from remains of living organisms			
Non	An energy source that will eventually			
renewable	run out			
renewable	An energy source that will not run out			
dissipated	When energy is wastefully spread out			
Cost of	Cost = energy used (kWh) x price of			
enerav	energy per kWh			



energy is transferred from different stores to provide us with the energy we need for the appliances in our homes to work. Energy is also released from the food we eat. We have to pay for the energy we use in our homes. We must use our resources and appliances responsibly so not to waste energy

Protein	18.1 g
Fat	16.2g
Of Which Saturates	(5.2g)
Carbohydrates	26 g
Of Which Sugars	(7.2g)
Sodium	0.468g
Potassium	906 mg
Salt	1.2g
Fibre	4.7g
kCalories	322 kCal
kJoules	1347 kJ

Potential energy	the energy in a body due to its position
Kinetic energy	the energy which an object contains because of a particular motion
Elastic energy	energy stored as a result of deformation of an elastic object



Energy can be stored or transferred, but energy cannot be created or destroyed. This means that the total energy of a system stays the same. When we use the word system we mean objects that might transfer energy e.g. a plug to a lamp to the surroundings.

The idea that the total energy has the same value before and after a change is called conservation of energy.

The key to understanding this idea is to be able to use Sankey diagrams. These diagrams (shown below and on the left) show how much energy is transferred into the system and where this energy goes.

The numbers on the arrows out of the system should add up to the value of the energy that went into the system. E.g. in the diagram to the left 75J + 25J adds up to the 100J that went into the system.







Any arrow that goes towards the right is a 'useful' energy transfer (i.e. it is what we want the object to do). The arrows facing downwards show wasted energy transfers.

Can you see which object transfers the greatest amount of useful energy?

Energy Resources and Transfers

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Kilojoule	Unit of energy equal to 1000J symbol kJ
Energy resource	A source of stored energy that can be released in a useful way.
Power (W)	Amount of energy something transfers each second
Watt (W)	Unit of power. Rate of transfer of energy
Kilowatt (kW)	Unit of power. Equal to 1000J
Kilowatt hour	Energy transferred per hour
Fossil fuel	Coal, natural gas, oil. Formed from remains of ancient living organisms
Non renewable	An energy source that will eventually run out
renewable	An energy source that will not run out
dissipated	When energy is wastefully spread out

Fossil fuels are burned to release their stored energy. This energy Is transferred into electrical energy in a power station and then sent to our homes to power our appliances. Fossil fuels are non-renewable and will one day run out so we now are using more renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and water.



Power - Some appliances transfer energy more quickly than others. We say they are more powerful. The quicker they transfer energy, the more expensive they are to run and the more energy they transfer. We can calculate the power of an appliance by using the formula;

Power = energy transferred (J) time taken for energy transferred (s) Energy used (kWh) = power (kW) x time (h)

Electrical appliance	Power roting (W)	Time of usage	Energy consumption (J)
Jiron	1200	0.5 hour	1200 × 0.5 × 60 × 60 = 2 160 000
iron	1200	1.0 hour	1200 × 1 × 60 × 60 = 4 320 000
Kettle	1500	7 minutes	1500 × 7 × 60 = 630 000
Kettle	2000	7 minutes	2000 × 7 × 60 = 840 000



When we eat

energy stored

in the food is

food, the

An energy bill shows how much energy is being used and the charges for the electricity and gas is used in a home. Energy used by appliances can be calculated using the formula below

per 100 g

18.1 g

Cost = energy used (kWh) x price of energy per kWh

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We can use our energy more responsibly by changing to low energy appliances such as energy efficient light bulbs as well as relying more on renewable energy sources



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		kinetic energy KE	Moving things have kinetic energy. The energy store fills up when a moving object speeds up.	
Energy store A form in which energy can be stored	Chemical energy	Energy that is released during a chemical reaction		
	energy can be stored	elastic potential energy	lastic potential energy Energy stored when a material is stretched or compressed	
Energy Arrows that transfer show how diagram energy is transferred from one store to another	Arrows that show how	gravitational potential energy GPE	Energy an object has because of its position in a gravitational field	
	energy is transferred from one store to	magnetic energy	Some objects can be magnetised and create magnetic fields. They can exert forces on other magnetised objects, or on magnetic materials	
	another	Thermal energy	Energy store filled when an object is warmed up	
Efficient	How much of the useful energy that was transferred (%)	Kangan Kangan	The higher the object is, the more GPE it has. When the object falls this energy is transferred into KE.	
Sankey	Energy transfer diagram	X X	If a cyclist has 6000J of GPE at the top of a hill, at the bottom of the hill all of this energy would have transferred into the KE store. He will have 6000LKE	
molecules	Atoms join together to form a molecule	Energy diagrams Energy cannot be create	ed or	
gravitational field space surrounding a body in which another body experiences a force of gravitational attraction.	destroyed. Just transfor form to another. This is energy diagrams.	rmed from one shown in		
	experiences a force of gravitational attraction.	Chuchus srong) ND /	A Sankey diagram shows the relative amounts of energy transferred by a device. The arrow width shows how much energy is transferred.	

Wasted energy is shown by a downwards arrow. Energy transferred out of the system must equal energy transferred into the system. The greater the useful energy transfer, the more efficient the device