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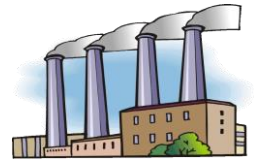
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Lesson 1: Fossil Fuels (use with pages 80 – 87)



Fill in the blank(s) to complete each statement.



1. A fuel is a substance that provides _____.
2. _____ is a solid fossil fuel that forms from plant remains.
3. Petroleum is another name for the fossil fuel _____.
4. A factory in which crude oil is heated and separated into fuels and other products is called a _____.



Modified True or False: If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

- _____ 1. Chemical compounds that contain carbon and hydrogen atoms are called petrochemicals.
- _____ 2. Fossil fuels are the energy-rich substances formed from the remains of long-dead organisms.
- _____ 3. The three major fossil fuels are coal, oil, and petroleum.
- _____ 4. Oil is the most plentiful fossil fuel in the United States.
- _____ 5. Natural gas forms from some of the same organisms as oil.
- _____ 6. Because fossil fuels are formed over hundreds of millions of years, they are considered renewable resources.



Understanding Main Ideas: Answer the following questions.



1. What are the three major fossil fuels?

2. How do fossil fuels form?

3. How is energy produced from fossil fuels?

4. Why are fossil fuels considered nonrenewable?



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Lesson 2: Renewable Sources of Energy (use with pages 88 – 97)

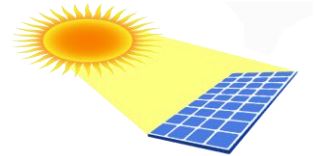


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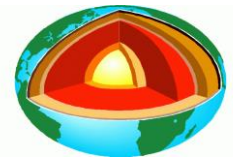
- _____ 1. Sunlight, water, wind, nuclear power, biomass fuels, geothermal energy, and hydrogen are all nonrenewable energy sources.
- _____ 2. The fastest-growing energy source in the world is wind energy.
- _____ 3. In order to harness geothermal energy, cool water is pumped down into deep wells.
- _____ 4. Inside a nuclear power plant, nuclear fission takes place within the heat exchanger.
- _____ 5. The radioactive wastes produced by nuclear fission remain dangerous for dozens of years.



Fill in the blank to complete each statement.



1. Energy from the sun is called _____.
2. _____ is electricity produced by flowing water.
3. _____ can also be converted into other fuels, such as gasohol, which is formed by adding alcohol to gasoline.
4. The intense heat from Earth's interior that warms the magma is called _____.
5. _____ is the splitting of an atom's nucleus into two nuclei.



Answer the following questions.

1. Some sources of energy are called alternative sources. To what sources of energy are they alternative?



2. Name five alternative sources of energy.

3. Explain how wind and flowing water can be used to produce electricity.



4. Describe how electricity is produced inside a nuclear plant.





Building Vocabulary: Match each term with its definition by writing the letter of the correct definition in the right column on the line beside the term in the left column.

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| _____ 1. solar energy | a. a fuel made from a mix of alcohol and gasoline |
| _____ 2. nuclear fission | b. the uranium rods inside a nuclear reactor that produce fission |
| _____ 3. hydroelectric power | c. a group of fuels made from living things |
| _____ 4. gasohol | d. intense heat from Earth's interior that warms magma |
| _____ 5. reactor vessel | e. the splitting of an atom's nucleus into two nuclei |
| _____ 6. fuel rods | f. energy from the sun |
| _____ 7. biomass fuels | g. the cadmium rods inside a nuclear reactor that slow the reactions |
| _____ 8. geothermal energy | h. the part of a nuclear reactor in which nuclear fission occurs |
| _____ 9. control rods | i. electricity produced by flowing water |



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Lesson 3: Energy Use and Conservation (use with pages 98 – 103)



Modified True or False: If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

- _____ 1. For most of human history, people burned wood for light, heat, and energy.
- _____ 2. In addition, people harnessed the power of renewable resources such as wind and water.
- _____ 3. In the mid-twentieth century, wood and water joined coal as the dominant fuels.
- _____ 4. As fossil fuel supplies decrease, interest has increased in looking for nonrenewable energy sources.
- _____ 5. Insulation is the percentage of energy that is actually used to perform work.
- _____ 6. Energy conservation means reducing energy use.



Fill in the blank(s) to complete each statement.

- 1. Only recently have _____ become the main energy source in the U.S.
- 2. In the nineteenth century, with the westward expansion of railroads, _____ gained in popularity as a fuel.
- 3. One way to preserve our current energy resources is to increase the _____ of our energy use.
- 4. Another way to preserve those resources is to _____ energy whenever possible.



Answer the following questions.

- 1. Until the nineteenth century, what were the three main sources of energy in the United States?



2. In the last two hundred years, what fuels have people used most?

3. Why are scientists looking for new fuels to replace fossil fuels?

4. What is energy efficiency, and why is increasing it important?

5. Why is a compact fluorescent light bulb more efficient than an incandescent bulb?

6. How can insulation in a building save energy?



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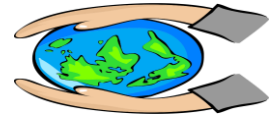
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Lesson 1: Introduction to Environmental Issues (use with pages 118 – 123)



Modified True or False: If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

- _____ 1. Because the three types of environmental issues are interconnected, they are easy to resolve.
- _____ 2. Air pollution in Los Angeles is a nonpoint source.
- _____ 3. A(n) environmental resource occurs naturally in the environment and is used by people.
- _____ 4. The condition of Earth's land, water, or air is called pollution.
- _____ 5. Decisions about how to protect Earth's atmosphere are made on a local level.
- _____ 6. Data provided by environmental scientists are part of what decision-makers consider when resolving an environmental issue.



Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

1. When a population grows, the demand for resources _____.
2. Three general categories of environmental issues are related to pollution, resource use, and _____.
3. _____ of an environmental proposal are often economic.
4. _____ can be grouped in two categories, point source and nonpoint source.



Understanding Main Ideas: Decision-makers use a Costs-and-Benefits table to organize the positives and negatives of a proposal. Use the table to answer the question below. Consider both short-term and long-term costs and benefits.

| COSTS | BENEFITS |
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Answer the following questions.

Suppose a town wants to buy a polluted marsh on an abandoned factory's land, clean up the marsh, and use the area as a nature center for the town. What are two costs and two benefits of the town's proposal?



Building Vocabulary: Answer the following questions in the spaces provided.

1. Give three examples of natural resources.

2. Define environmental science. Use your own words.



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Lesson 2: Introduction to Natural Resources (use with pages 124 – 129)



Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Natural resources include _____.

- a. fresh water
- b. television

- c. ovens
- d. computers



2. Humans depend on natural resources for _____.

- a. health and welfare
- b. art and leisure

- c. survival and development
- d. growth and maturity

3. Globally, fuels are used for _____.

- a. power and trade
- b. weapons and travel

- c. research and development
- d. cooking and heating

4. Ecological footprints are measured in _____.

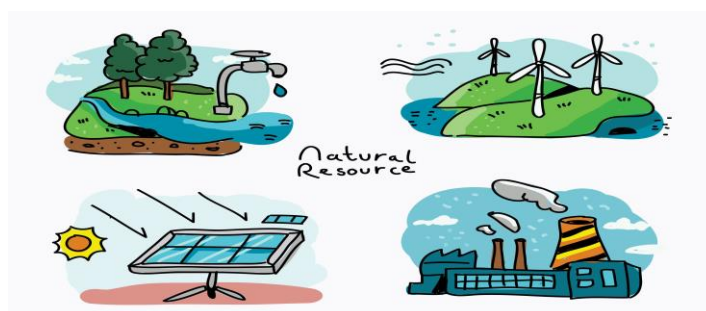
- a. square miles
- b. global hectares

- c. square meters
- d. English units



Modified True or False: If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

- _____ 1. Resource conservation can make resources last forever.
- _____ 2. A high level of resource use makes a larger ecological footprint.
- _____ 3. Sustainable use means using a resource in ways that maintain the resource at a certain quality for a generation.
- _____ 4. Some renewable resources are renewable only if they are replaced a little more slowly than they are used.
- _____ 5. Oil and coal were formed over hundreds of years.
- _____ 6. Not all resources are available equally in all parts of the world.





Answer the following questions.

1. Explain how renewable resources and non-renewable resources are different. Give two examples of each.

2. What is similar and different about how natural resources are used in different parts of the world?



Building Vocabulary: Match each term with its definition by writing the letter of the correct definition in the right column on the line beside the term in the left column.

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| _____ 1. sustainable use | a. wind |
| _____ 2. natural resource | b. allows you to maintain a resource at a certain quality over a certain period of time |
| _____ 3. ecological footprint | c. amount of land and water individuals use |
| _____ 4. nonrenewable resource | d. managing resource use so that resources last longer |
| _____ 5. conservation | e. occurs naturally in the environment and is used by people |
| _____ 6. renewable resource | f. coal |



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Lesson 3: Conserving Land and Soil (use with pages 130 – 135)

Building Vocabulary: Match each term below by writing the letter of the correct definition.

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| a. litter | b. topsoil | c. subsoil | d. bedrock |
| e. erosion | f. nutrient depletion | g. fertilizer | h. desertification |
| i. drought | j. land reclamation | | |

- _____ 1. Material that includes nutrients that help crops grow better.
- _____ 2. Layer of soil in which water and nutrient are absorbed by plant roots
- _____ 3. A period when less rain than normal falls in an area
- _____ 4. A process in which soil becomes less fertile
- _____ 5. The rock that makes up Earth's crust
- _____ 6. Top layer of soil containing dead leaves and grass
- _____ 7. Restoring an area of land to a more productive state
- _____ 8. Layer of soil above bedrock
- _____ 9. Areas that were fertile
- _____ 10. The process by which water, wind or ice moves soil or particles of rocks.



Modified True or False: If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

- _____ 1. Less than a quarter of Earth's surface is dry, ice-free land.
- _____ 2. Because it can take one year to form just a few centimeters of new soil, it is important to protect Earth's soil.
- _____ 3. If a farmer plants a field with different crops each year, the soil becomes less fertile, a situation called nutrient depletion.
- _____ 4. Without soil, most life on land could not exist.





Answer the following questions.



1. Explain three ways that people use and change land.

2. Describe the structure of fertile soil.

3. Why is soil so important to human beings?

4. How do erosion, nutrient depletion, and desertification damage or destroy soil?



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Lesson 4: Waste Disposal and Recycling (use with pages 136 – 143)



Building Vocabulary: Write the definitions to the following words in the space provided.

1. *biodegradable*

2. *pollutant*

3. *sanitary landfill*

4. *municipal solid waste*



Modified True or False: If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

_____ 1. Materials that can be broken down and recycled by bacteria and other decomposers are biodegradable.

_____ 2. Recycling conserves resources and saves energy.

_____ 3. Solid waste is any material that can be harmful to human health or to the environment.

_____ 4. When rainwater filters down through a dump and dissolves chemicals in the waste, the polluted result is called run-off.

_____ 5. Most recycling focuses on four major categories of products: metal, glass, paper, and rubber.

_____ 6. A person can be exposed to hazardous wastes by breathing, eating, drinking, or touching them.





Answer the following questions.



1. What are three methods for the disposal of solid waste?

2. What are three advantages and three disadvantages of incinerators?

3. What is leachate and what major problem does it cause?

4. What are the four major categories of materials that can be recycled?

5. How can exposure to hazardous wastes affect human health?

6. Identify four methods for disposing of hazardous wastes.



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Lesson 5: Air Pollution and Solutions (use with pages 144 – 153)



Building Vocabulary: Write the definitions to the following words in the space provided.

1. *emissions*

2. *photochemical smog*

3. *acid rain*

4. *radon*



Modified True or False: If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

_____ 1. A large percentage of emissions resulting in air pollution today comes from motor vehicles.

_____ 2. Radon is a thick, brownish haze formed when certain gases in the air react with sunlight.

_____ 3. In a(n) ozone layer, a layer of warm air prevents rising air from escaping and traps pollutants near Earth's surface.

_____ 4. The key to reducing air pollution is to control emissions.

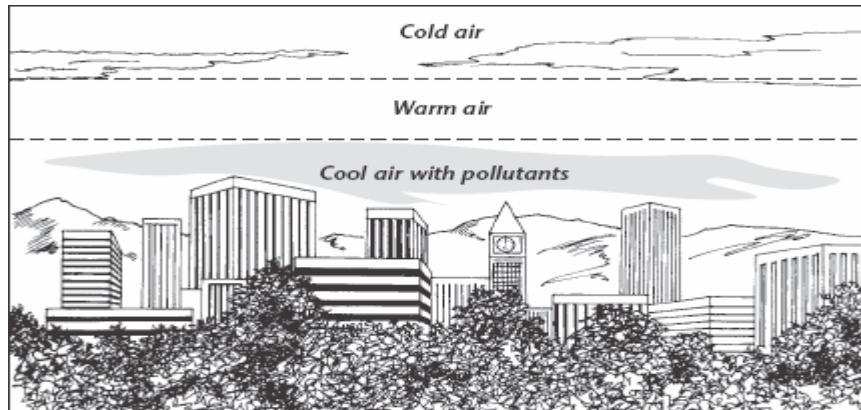
_____ 5. Carbon monoxide damages plants, waterways, and metals and stones.

_____ 6. CFCs once used in many household products contributed to the creation of a(n) ozone hole.





Answer the following questions.



1. What condition is shown in the figure above? Why is this condition dangerous to people?

2. How is photochemical smog formed?

3. How is acid rain formed?

4. What are two effects of acid rain?

5. Why is carbon monoxide such a dangerous form of indoor air pollution?

6. How does walking instead of driving a car help reduce air pollution?

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Lesson 6: Water Pollution and Solutions (use with pages 154 – 161)



Building Vocabulary: Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

1. Water that is stored in layers of soil and rock beneath Earth's surface is called _____.
2. The water and human wastes that are washed down sinks, toilets, and showers are called _____.
3. Chemicals that kill crop-destroying organisms are known as _____.
4. Water that causes erosion picks up _____, or particles of rock and sand.



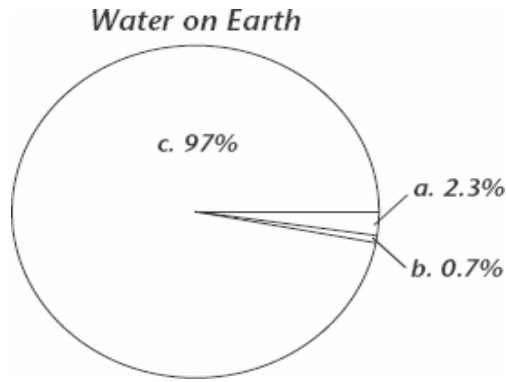
Modified True or False: If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

- _____ 1. Most water pollution is the result of natural processes.
- _____ 2. Industry washes agricultural wastes, including animal wastes, fertilizers, and pesticides, into ponds, causing algae to grow.
- _____ 3. Wastes produced by agriculture, households, industry, mining, and other human activities can end up in water.
- _____ 4. Fresh liquid water is stored in soil and rock beneath Earth's surface.
- _____ 5. Keeping water clean requires effective cleanup of oil and gasoline spills, proper sewage treatment, and reduction of pollutants.
- _____ 6. Most communities treat groundwater before returning it to the environment.





Answer the following questions.



1. Which section of the circle graph above represents Earth's salt water? Which section represents ice? Which section represents usable fresh water?

2. How does the water cycle purify Earth's water?

3. What is sewage? Why is it important to treat sewage?

4. How can farm chemicals pollute water? Why is it hard to keep these chemicals from getting into nearby water?

5. What are the keys to keeping water clean?



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Lesson 1: What Is Energy (use with pages 174 – 179)Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. The kinetic energy of an object is equal to one half its mass multiplied by its speed.

a. squared

c. to the fourth power

b. cubed

d. to the fifth power

2. The gravitational potential energy of an object is equal to its weight multiplied by its _____.

a. depth

c. volume

b. height

d. diameter

3. Energy is the ability to do work or cause _____.

a. events

c. diameter

b. change

d. explosions

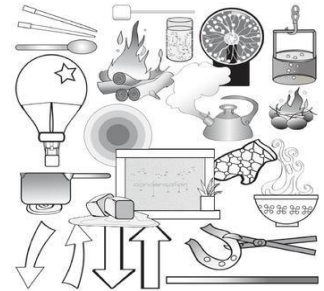
4. Energy and work are measured in _____.

a. newtons

c. hertz

b. joules

d. kilograms

Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

1. When you do work on an object, some of your energy is _____ to that object.

2. Power is the rate at which energy is _____.

3. Potential energy results from the _____ or position of an object.

4. A stretched rubber band has _____ energy.

5. A change in an object's speed has a(n) _____ effect on its kinetic energy than a change in its mass.

6. A mountain climber at the peak has _____ energy.





Answer the following questions in the space provided.



1. How are work and energy related?

2. How is power related to energy?

3. What are the two basic kinds of energy?

4. A girl weighs 30 kg is inline in skating at a speed of 5 m/s. What is the girl's kinetic energy?

5. A hat that weighs 5N is hanging from a hook 1.5 meters above the floor. How much gravitational potential energy does the hat have?



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Lesson 2: Forms of Energy (use with pages 180 – 185)



Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. To find an object's mechanical energy, you add its _____.

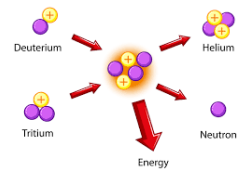
- a. kinetic and potential energy
- b. kinetic and thermal energy
- c. potential and thermal energy
- d. kinetic and chemical energy

2. A form of energy NOT associated with the particles of objects is _____.

- a. thermal energy
- b. mechanical energy
- c. nuclear energy
- d. chemical energy

3. Nuclear fusion reactions occur in _____.

- a. nuclear power plants
- b. a microwave oven
- c. a match that is struck
- d. the sun



4. The total potential and kinetic energy of the particles of an object is the object's _____.

- a. nuclear energy
- b. electromagnetic energy
- c. thermal energy
- d. mechanical energy



Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

1. Mechanical energy is associated with the motion, position, or _____ of an object.



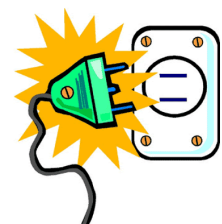
2. Electromagnetic energy travels through space in the form of _____.

3. Lightning is a form of _____ energy.

4. The breaking of _____ bonds in food releases energy for your body to use.

5. The _____ the temperature of an object, the lower its thermal energy.

6. Electrical energy is the energy of _____.





Match each illustration with the correct form(s) of energy by writing the letter or letters of the form(s) of energy in the box.

a. mechanical energy

d. nuclear energy

b. electrical energy

e. chemical energy

c. thermal energy

f. electromagnetic energy

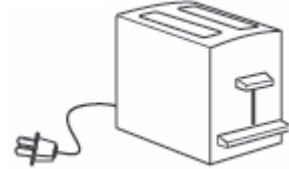
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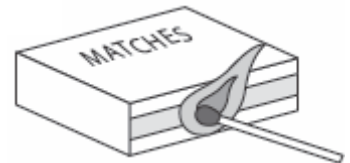
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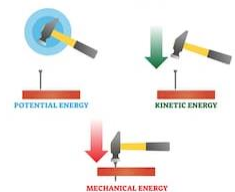


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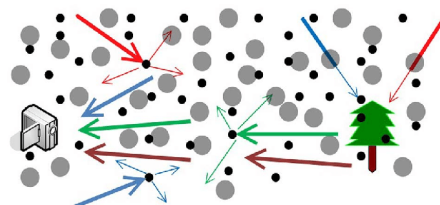


Apply It. Answer the following questions in the space provided.



1. How can you determine an object's mechanical energy?

2. Name two forms of energy associated with the particles that make up objects.



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Lesson 3: Energy Transformations and Conservation (use with pages 186 – 191)



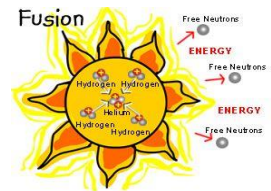
Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

1. All forms of energy can be _____ into other forms of energy.
2. A change from one form of energy to another is called a(n) _____.
3. When you use a match to light a candle, multiple _____ of energy occur.
4. The law of _____ of energy tells how much energy is present after electromagnetic energy changes to sound.
5. Whenever a moving object experiences friction, some of its kinetic energy is changed into _____ energy.
6. Your body changes chemical energy into _____ energy when you walk upstairs.



Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Fusion reactions in the sun change nuclear energy into _____.
 - a. mechanical energy
 - b. chemical energy
 - c. electromagnetic energy
 - d. potential energy
2. In a pendulum, a continuous change occurs between kinetic energy and _____.
 - a. potential energy
 - b. electromagnetic energy
 - c. thermal energy
 - d. mechanical energy
3. A baseball in play has its lowest gravitational potential energy _____.
 - a. when it is at its highest point
 - b. before it hits the ground
 - c. when the bat contacts it
 - d. after it hits the ground
4. Energy can be neither destroyed nor _____.
 - a. created
 - b. transformed
 - c. changed
 - d. transferred





Understanding Main Ideas

Study the illustration below and then read the following statements. If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.



- _____ 1. An energy transformation is occurring only at point 3.
- _____ 2. In this example, the law of conservation of energy says that the ball never loses kinetic energy.
- _____ 3. As the ball rises from point 1 to point 3, it slows down.
- _____ 4. The ball has the most potential energy at point 3.
- _____ 5. The ball has the most kinetic energy as it leaves point 2.

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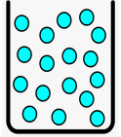
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Lesson 1: Temperature, Thermal Energy and Heat (use with pages 204 - 207)



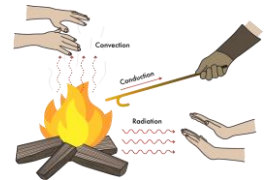
If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

- _____ 1. At the freezing point, the particles in an object have no kinetic energy.
- _____ 2. On the Celsius temperature scale, there are no negative numbers.
- _____ 3. The more particles an object has at a given temperature, the more thermal energy it has.
- _____ 4. Object A is much larger than Object B, but both are made of the same material. If both objects are at the same temperature, the thermal energy of Object A is the same as the thermal energy of Object B.
- _____ 5. When heat is absorbed by an object, the speed of the particles in the object is unchanged.



Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

6. The transfer of thermal energy from a warmer object to a cooler object is called _____.
7. _____ is a measure of the average kinetic energy of the individual particles in an object.
8. Most of the world uses the _____ temperature scale.
9. On the _____ temperature scale, water boils at 212°.
10. The amount of thermal energy in an object depends on its _____, the number of particles in it, and how those particles are arranged.



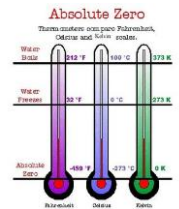


Apply It. Answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Two glasses of water have the same thermal energy. Must they have the same temperature?
Explain.



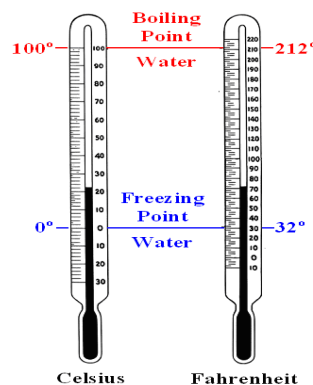
2. Describe what is meant by absolute zero.



3. List the three things that determine thermal energy.



4. Compare the freezing point of water on the Celsius and the Fahrenheit temperature scales.



Lesson 2: The Transfer of Heat (use with pages 208 – 211)

Circle the letter of the correct answer.

1. Water bubbles up through a hot spring at Yellowstone National Park. What method of heat transfer is this?

a. conduction

c. radiation

b. convection

d. specific heat

2. On a sunny day, you return to your car after a ball game. The inside of the car is very hot. How did the car get so warm?

a. conduction

c. radiation

b. convection

d. specific heat

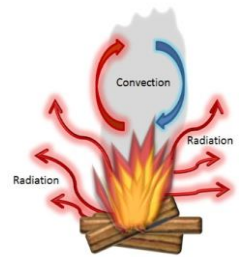
3. The inside window pane in your house feels very cold to touch on a winter night. Why does it feel cold?

a. The cold from the outside is flowing in by convection.

b. The warm from the inside is flowing out by convection.

c. The cold from the outside is being conducted to the inside.

d. The warm from the inside is being conducted to the outside.



4. Malia burned herself when she picked up a hot iron skillet from the stove. What method of heat transfer caused the burn?

a. conduction

c. radiation

b. convection

d. specific heat



Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

1. Heat is transferred directly from one particle of matter to another by the process of _____.

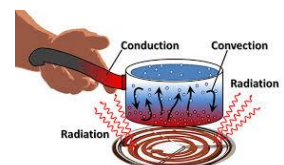
2. A circular flow of warmer fluid and cooler fluid is called a(n) _____.

3. Heat is always transferred from _____ areas.

4. _____ is the transfer of energy by electromagnetic waves.

5. Heat that is transferred by the movement of currents within a fluid is called _____.

6. The only form of heat transfer that does not require matter is _____.



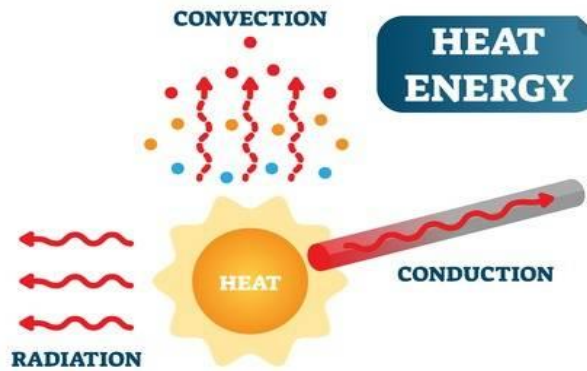


Understanding Main Ideas. Fill in the spaces in the table below by writing whether the heat is transferred by convection, radiation, or conduction.

Heat Transfer Example

Method of Heat Transfer

1. An entire lake is heated by water from a hot spring at the bottom of the lake.
2. Sunlight melts a wax crayon left outside.
3. A burner on a stove heats the bottom of a pan.
4. The inside frame of your front door feels cold during winter.
5. A kite rises high above a hot, sandy beach.
6. You feel the warm glow of a bonfire.



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Lesson 3: Thermal Properties (use with pages 212 – 215)



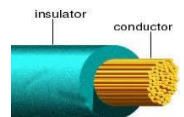
Fill in the blank to complete each statement.

1. A material with a(n) _____ specific heat can absorb a great deal of thermal energy without a great change in temperature.
2. As the thermal energy of matter _____, its particles usually spread out.
3. If two objects of the same mass require different amounts of heat to raise their temperatures 10 kelvin, the objects have different _____.
4. To keep food warm or cool, coolers are made out of materials that _____.
5. Water has a specific heat of 4,186 J/(kg·K). To raise the temperature of a bathtub of water (220 kg) by 3 kelvin, it takes _____ Joules of energy.



If the statement is true, write true. If the statement is false, change the underlined word or words to make the statement true.

- _____ 1. Specific heat is measured in joules.
- _____ 2. Most metals are good conductors of heat.
- _____ 3. The amount of energy required to raise 1 kg of material by 1 kelvin is called thermal energy.
- _____ 4. On a hot summer day, a metal door in a wood frame may stick and be hard to open due to specific heat.
- _____ 5. Insulators do not conduct heat well.



Understanding Main Ideas. Answer the following questions in the space provided.

1. Use your knowledge of insulators and conductors to explain why cooking pots are usually made of metal with some sort of plastic handle.



2. Listed are the specific heats of different substances, in $J/(kg \cdot K)$: **Air** is 1,005; **glass** is 840; and **silver** is 233. Explain which of the three substances is the best insulator and why.

3. Five kilograms of Substance A requires 500 J of energy to raise its temperature by 2 degrees. Five kilograms of Substance B requires 1,000 J of energy to raise its temperature by 2 degrees. How do the specific heats of the two substances compare?

4. Gold has a specific heat of $126 J/(kg \cdot K)$. A sculptor increased the temperature of a 0.5 kg block of gold by $10^{\circ}C$. How much energy did the sculptor add to the gold?

