

Should we stop using non-renewable energy?

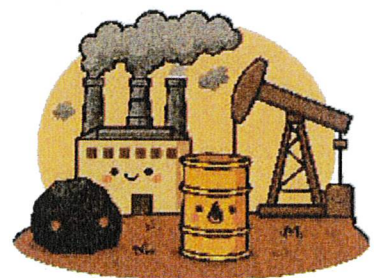
A segment of the population believe non-renewable energy is harmful to our planet. On the other hand, renewable energy is very expensive. As a result, let's look at both sides.

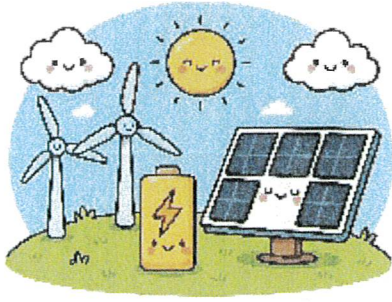
To begin with, coal provides a huge amount of global energy. This is beneficial because we do not have to use the other energy sources. Despite this, coal takes millions of years to be made. This means that it will eventually run out.

Furthermore, a small amount of renewable energy goes a long way. Also, geothermal power and biofuel are not weather dependent. However, solar power and wind power do not release green house gases. Also, renewable energy sources are very expensive to install which puts people off from buying them.

To add to, non-renewable energy creates more jobs (drilling engineers, plant operators, geologist). However, nuclear power is used to generate electricity to heat homes. But on the other hand, it contributes to toxic waste and can deplete the ozone layer.

Regardless of the fact that, solar power is





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powered by sunlight and it is a renewable energy source, solar panels are very expensive. They are considered unattractive and solar power is only generated on clear days. This means that it is not trustworthy.

To finish with, there are several reasons for and against renewable energy. Wind power will never run out and does not contribute to global warming. However, it is dangerous to flying birds and bats. Wind power will only work when it is windy. As a consequence we need to think carefully about our earth's future and that of it's inhabitants.

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