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Solar Energy

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

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Solar energy is the key to our future. If we do not use it, our planet will not survive. We do not have enough resources on Earth to supply our energy needs. We are slowly using solar energy more. Most places you go in the world today you can see solar panels on people's houses. I hope that in the future, all houses will use solar power. It's so simple. In fact, it's free. All you have to do is pay for the solar panels and some other equipment, and then you have free energy. Research into solar energy is still in its early days. I think in the future it will be everywhere. We'll be able to buy solar panels from our local DIY store. I also think we'll be wearing clothes that provide solar power, and we'll be driving cars powered by solar energy.



LISTENING GAP FILL

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UNJUMBLE THE WORDS

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
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STUDENT SOLAR ENERGY SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about solar energy in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET INFO: Search the Internet and find more information about solar energy. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE: Write a magazine article about solar energy. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

4. SOLAR ENERGY POSTER Make a poster about solar energy. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY SOLAR ENERGY LESSON: Make your own English lesson on solar energy. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

6. ONLINE SHARING: Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on solar energy. Share your findings with the class.

