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1. Plant matter or methane
2. Heat from the earth
3. Supplied as a public utility for lighting, heating, etc.
4. “Non-renewable” fuels
5. Wood or sunlight
6. Source of paraffin, kerosene, fuel oil, gasoline, etc.
7. Electricity from sunlight
8. Energy from the sun’s rays

Energy Jokes and Puns
(by George Sholin of the California Energy Commission)

1. Why is wind energy so popular? Because it has a lot of fans.
2. Did you hear about the foolish gardener? He planted a light bulb and thought he would get a power plant.
3. What would a barefooted man get if he steps on an electric wire? A pair of shocks.
5. What do cars driven late at night burn for fuel? Midnight oil.

Energy Idioms
All steamed up: to be angry or worried
Don’t get all steamed up and start an argument. Try to stay calm.

Burn the candle at both ends: to work too hard without enough rest
People who burn the candle at both ends often burn the candle out.

Burn the midnight oil: to work late into the night
Because she had a term paper due the next morning, Pauline was burning the midnight oil to finish it on time.

Burn out: to lose one’s interest or desire, often due to overuse
After the 1994 season, Michael Jordan was burned out on basketball. He wanted to play baseball instead.

Get wind of: to discover or find out
Once the workers got wind of the free drinks, there was a line at the restaurant.

Hot air: meaningless or unimportant talk
The presenter promised his workshop would be very informative and exciting, but I left early because I thought he was full of hot air.

The Scrambled Energy Words puzzle answers appear on page 17.
An infrared satellite image of an ozone hole over Antarctica shows the damage being done to the earth's ozone layer by continued dependence on fossil fuels to generate energy.

This detail of solar collector panels is from a large facility in the desert of southwestern United States. Photovoltaic panels convert sunlight into electrical energy using thin films of silicon or copper indium. This solar technology is especially useful in developing nations without widely established power grids.