

RENEWABLE ENERGY

Read the text and choose the word that best fits the gap.

The (0)_____ "alternative energy" was once used to describe the generation of wind, water and solar power. These days, we tend to (1)_____ to them as "renewable energy" and the use of this name (2)_____ a real change in their status. These sources of energy have now become mainstream and are (3)_____ to make a significant contribution to energy needs in the future.

Two closely linked developments (4)_____ behind this change in status. Firstly, the price of oil and gas has been rising (5)_____ reflecting the extent to which reserves of these fossil fuels are becoming (6)_____. Equally important is the growing consensus that carbon emissions must be curbed. The scientific evidence for climate change is now irrefutable, and both policy makers and the (7)_____ public are finally in agreement that doing nothing about the prospect of global warming is no longer a viable option. Renewable energy represents one real way of (8)_____ both issues.

