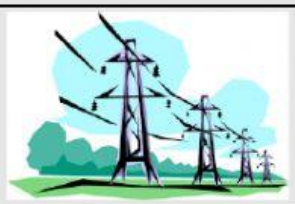
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Before you read...

1. Guess the word based on the three words presented.





2. Vocabulary: Match the words in the box with the pictures.

developing world	electricity grid	luxury	biomass	polluting fuel








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While you read...

1. Go to your *Student Book*. Open it on page 124. Read the article and answer the question.

What is the main idea of the text?

a. Create consciousness on people about their privilege of having electricity at home.

b. Explain how changes in electricity have an impact on the environment and human lives.

c. Convince readers to substitute their source of electricity for sustainable sources of power.

2. Read the article again. Read the following statements and answer, which one is true?

a. Electricity costs used to be low for people in Nicaragua.
b. Diesel generators are cheap to run.
c. Burning fossil fuel causes more pollution than burning biomass fuel.
d. Electricity is supplied by biomass fuel in India and in Nicaragua.
e. Waste food products do not help in the production of electricity.

3. Read the article one more time. Choose the correct answers.

a. Diesel generators are...

- a clean way to generate electricity.
- cheap to run but produce a lot of emissions.
- costly to run and produce a lot of emissions.
- expensive to set up.
- no longer used to supply electricity in Nicaragua.

b. Electricity bills in the two Nicaraguan villages used to be based on...

- the amount of electrical appliances in each household.
- the amount of people in each household.
- electricity meter calculations.
- the amount of electricity used the previous year.
- the amount of electricity used by other villagers.

c. The installation of electricity meters led to...

- an increase in electricity use.
- no change in electricity use.
- an increase in carbon emissions.
- people buying and using more electrical appliances.
- a reduction in electricity use.

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d. Biomass power stations produce...

- more heat than diesel generators.
- more carbon emissions than diesel generators.
- the same amount of carbon emissions as fossil fuel power plants.
- fewer carbon emissions than fossil fuel power plants.
- more energy than fossil fuel power plants.

e. Initiatives such as those in Nicaragua and Bihar can…

- have a negative impact of the environment.
- have no benefits for rural communities or the environment.
- have benefits for rural communities and for the environment.
- help large companies make more money.
- help rural communities use more fossil fuels.

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