

Boardworks High School Science



Energy Transfers



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Many household objects are designed to transfer energy from one form into another useful form.

What energy transfer is an **electric fan** designed to carry out?



electrical energy









What energy transfer are these **speakers** designed to carry out?



electrical energy









What energy transfer are **wind turbines** in a wind farm designed to carry out?



kinetic energy electrical energy



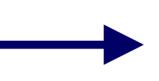




What energy transfer is a **hydroelectric power station** designed to carry out?



gravitational potential energy



electrical energy





Useful energy transfers





What are the useful energy transfers for these devices?

Device	Input energy	Output energy
kettle	?	?
solar cell	?	?
catapult	?	?
coal fire	?	?
light bulb	?	?







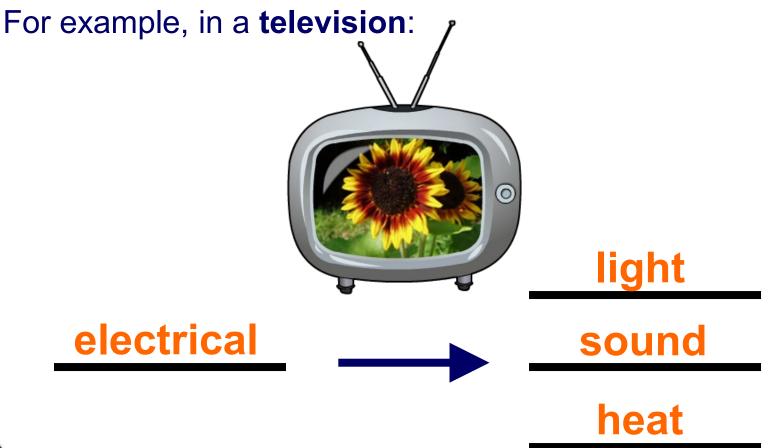


heat

Energy transfer in a television



An energy transfer diagram shows the input and output energies for a device. This includes all the useful and wasted forms of energy.







Energy transfer in a radio



What are the main energy transfers in a **radio**? (Don't forget the wasted energy.)



electrical



heat

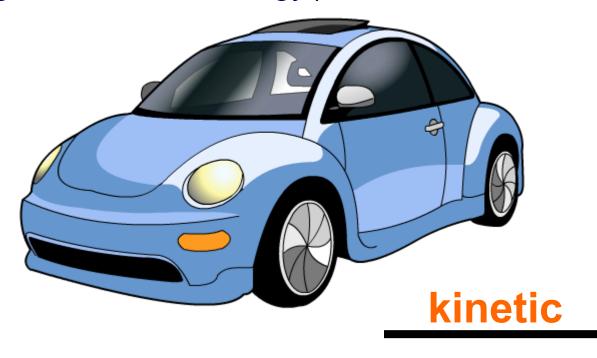




Energy transfer in a car engine



What are the main energy transfers in a **car engine**? (Don't forget the wasted energy.)



chemical



heat





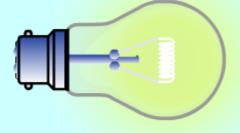
Identifying energy transfers





What are the input and output energies for each situation?





Input

heat light

sound kinetic

electrical elastic

chemical gravitational

Output

heat light

sound kinetic

electrical elastic

chemical gravitational







How can we represent energy transfers?



All the energy transfers (useful and wasted) that are associated with a device can be represented by a Sankey diagram.

A Sankey diagram uses arrows to represent all the output energies.

The thickness of each arrow is proportional to the amount of energy involved at that stage.

How does the energy use in these light bulbs compare?

