

## **Earth Science Chapter 25: Energy Resources**

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1. fuel	material such as wood, peat, or coal that is burned to produce energy
2. biomass fuel	fuel derived from living things (plant stalks, corn hulls, fecal material, field crops, peat, wood); renewable sources
3. hydrocarbon	molecules with hydrogen and carbon bonds only; The result of the combination of carbon dioxide and water during photosynthesis
4. peat	light, spongy, organic biomass fuel derived from moss and other bog plants
5. fossil fuel	non-renewable energy resource formed over geologic time from the compression and partial decomposition of organisms that lived many years ago (bitumen, coal, kerogen, natural gas, petroleum)
6. ground to deep underground order one would find fossil fuels	impermeable rock, gas, oil, water
7. nonrenewable resources	resources that take much time to replenish such as coal; used by the majority of industrialized countries
8. coal	most abundant nonrenewable fossil fuel. Bituminous coal is most common in U.S.
9. sun	ultimate source of energy for most energy sources, but NOT for geothermal or nuclear energy
10. photovoltaic cell	thin, transparent wafer that convert sunlight into electrical energy and is made up of two layers of two types of silicon
11. hydroelectric power	power generated by converting the energy of free-falling water to electricity
12. geothermal energy	energy produced by Earth's naturally occurring heat, steam, and hot water (not from the sun)
13. nuclear fission	process in which a heavy nucleus divides to form smaller nuclei and one or two neutrons and produces a large amount of energy
14. energy efficiency	type of conservation in which the amount of work produced is compared to the amount of energy used; using energy resources in productive ways
15. cogeneration	production of two usable forms of energy at the same time from the same process, which can conserve resources and generate income

16. sustainable energy	involves global management of Earth's natural resources to ensure that current and future energy needs will be met without harming the environment
17. conservation	using less, perhaps by using locally-available resources
18. biofuels	fuels similar to gasolinebiodiesel and ethanolmade from crops like corn and soybeans (renewable resources)