

Wind farms - good or bad?

Wind farms are groups of wind turbines that are used to generate electrical power. (Wind turbines are also sometimes called wind mills.) Wind farms are often built on hills or in the sea. The energy they generate is 'clean' and renewable. Because the UK is so windy, we have some of the best wind power resources in Europe. One of the world's biggest wind farms is off the coast of Kent in South East England; it has 100 wind turbines.

Below are a number of statements outlining the advantages and disadvantages of wind farms. Cut the sentences out and arrange them on page 2, putting arguments in favour of wind farms under 'for' and counter-arguments under 'against'.

Consider the arguments. Then decide whether you are in favour of wind farms or against them and write a paragraph giving your own views.

The energy from wind is fairly cheap compared to other energy sources such as gas or oil.
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Wind farms are more environmentally-friendly than coal-fired or nuclear power stations. Wind farms don't produce pollution or directly add to climate change.
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The wind doesn't blow all the time - not even in our country. When the wind doesn't blow, the turbines don't generate any electricity.
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Wind is free and our country is very windy.
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Wind turbines are usually very tall and are often built in areas of outstanding natural beauty; some people find them ugly and noisy.

Although wind farms don't produce pollution, pollution is caused in the manufacture of the turbines.
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Wind farms will make us less reliant on energy supplies from abroad.
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Wind farms are expensive to build and only last up to 25 years.
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Date

Wind farms - what do I think?

FOR

AGAINST



Use this section to write a paragraph giving your view about wind farms.

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