

I'd Like Some Clean Energy, Please!

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So, we all know what renewable energy and global warming are now, right? Here is one more piece of the puzzle – clean energy! But wait, what is clean energy?

Clean energy is energy that does not pollute the environment. Many energy sources, such as fossil fuels and nuclear power are not clean, and they pollute the environment. Have you seen a chimney on a building blowing out white clouds? Well, all the wood or coal that makes the fire creates smoke that has harmful chemicals known as pollution. So, what energy sources are better for the environment?



Clean energy is a source of energy that we can use to do all of our everyday activities without having to pollute the Earth. For example, we could use more energy from the sun and wind to give us power instead of using so much oil and coal. Using these sources we could create a healthier environment. In the last article you learned about renewable energy. Did you know that not all renewable energy is clean energy? It's true, not all of them are clean. For example, **hydropower**, or water power, is renewable but not clean. Does hydropower pollute? It doesn't pollute by sending smoke and chemicals into the air, but it does hurt plants and animals and their homes.

Imagine playing on a nice green playground with bright green grass and huge trees for shade, or on a dirty playground with a lot of litter blowing around. Which one would you choose? Did you choose the green one? That's the same reason why clean energy is good for the world!

