

## Offshore wind farms in Britain

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### 1 Pre-reading | Key Vocabulary

Match the words with the definitions:

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. to provide  | a. a 10-year period   |
| 2. offshore    | b. power from electricity that is used to make heat and light |
| 3. decade      | c. to make electricity  |
| 4. network     | d. to give something to someone who needs it                  |
| 5. to develop  | e. a large group of things that are connected to one another  |
| 6. energy      | f. to get something   |
| 7. to obtain   | g. to improve or make something bigger                        |
| 8. to generate | h. on the sea, not on the land                                |

### 2 Natural sources of energy

Match the terms with the definitions:

- |                         |   |
|-------------------------|---|
| 1. solar power          | a. This type of power comes from running water.               |
| 2. wind power           | b. This type of power comes from the sun.                     |
| 3. tidal power          | c. This type of power comes from the wind.                    |
| 4. hydro-electric power | d. This type of power uses high tide and low tide in the sea. |

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This week there was some very good news for members of ecology groups, the so-called "greens". The British government said that it is going to spend £6 billion to develop wind power. This could create 20,000 new jobs and it could provide electricity for 15% of the population by 2010. The government announced that it would give licences to companies which wanted to develop offshore wind power. They said that they planned to generate 10% of the country's electricity from wind power and other "green" sources of energy such as solar power and tidal power by the end of the decade.

The wind power projects will produce about 6,000 megawatts of electricity. The cost of developing 6,000 MW will be about £6 billion and will create 20,000 engineering and construction jobs.

The British Wind Energy Association (BWEA) welcomed the news. "The UK is sixth in the world in the use of wind power behind countries such as Germany, Spain and Denmark, but at the same time the UK is the windiest country in Europe. We have the best offshore experts and workers, and all of this means that Britain could be the world leader in this new industry," said a BWEA spokeswoman.

But BWEA also said that there could be problems connecting some wind power projects to the national electricity network. There could also be political problems and the Ministry of Defence might be against plans to build wind power turbines. The BWEA wants the government to confirm plans that the UK will obtain 20% of its electricity from wind power and other "green" methods by 2020.

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### 3 Comprehension check

Choose the best answer:

1. Why were the "greens" happy this week?
  - a. because the government is going to spend £6 billion.
  - b. because there will be 20,000 new jobs.
  - c. because the government will spend money on wind power.
2. Apart from wind power, what are the other "green" sources of energy?
  - a. solar and tidal power.
  - b. oil.
  - c. coal and gas.
3. How many jobs will the wind power projects create?
  - a. 6,000
  - b. 20,000
  - c. 26,000
4. Which is the windiest country in Europe?
  - a. Germany
  - b. Spain
  - c. The UK.
5. How much of its electricity will the UK get from "green" sources by 2020?
  - a. 15%
  - b. 10%
  - c. 20%

### 4 Vocabulary: Collocations

Match the verbs with the nouns then check your answers in the text:

- |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|
| 1. to generate | a. jobs        |
| 2. to develop  | b. money       |
| 3. to create   | c. wind power  |
| 4. to spend    | d. electricity |

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### 5 Vocabulary: Word-Building

Complete the tables. Use your dictionary to help you.

Verb	Noun	Noun	Adjective
1. announce	_____	6. wind	_____
2. develop	_____	7. tide	_____
3. create	_____	8. sun	_____
4. connect	_____	9. rain	_____
5. generate	_____	10. ice	_____

### 6 Vocabulary: Puzzle

Rearrange the letters to make words from the text:

1. leriyticct \_\_\_\_\_
2. tevogremnn \_\_\_\_\_
3. rownewpid (two words) \_\_\_\_\_
4. greeny \_\_\_\_\_
5. greentea \_\_\_\_\_

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### Key

#### 1 Key Vocabulary

1 d; 2 h; 3 a; 4 e; 5 g; 6 b; 7 f; 8 c

#### 2 Natural sources of energy

1 b; 2 c; 3 d; 4 a

#### 3 Comprehension Check

1 c; 2 a; 3 b; 4 c; 5 c

#### 4 Vocabulary – Collocations

1 d; 2 c; 3 a; 4 b

#### 5 Vocabulary – Word-Building

1. announcement   2. development  
3. creation   4. connection   5. generation  
6. windy   7. tidal   8. sunny; solar  
9. rainy   10. icy

#### 6 Puzzle

1. electricity   2. government  
3. wind power   4. energy   5. generate