**Fuels**

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**Solutions**

**Fossil fuels**:

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| **Coal** | Composition and reserves  *Mainly carbon – formed over millions of years in crust from plant and animal remains. High reserves* | Equations for combustion and emissions  C(s) + O2(g) 🡪 CO2(g)  S(s) + O2(g) 🡪 SO2(g)  N2(s) + O2(g) 🡪 2NO(g) | How is electricity produced?  *Thermal energy converted to thermal energy steam to mechanical energy to electrical.*  *The steam turns a turbine in a magnetic field.* |
| **Natural gas** | Sources  *Natural gas deposits*  *Petroleum deposits*  *Coal seam gas*  *Shale gas* | Equations for combustion and emissions.  CH4(g) +2O2(g)🡪CO2(g)+ H2O(l)  S(s) + O2(g) 🡪 SO2(g)  N2(s) + O2(g) 🡪 2NO(g) | How is electricity produced?  *Same as for electricity or the expansion of hot gases used to turn the turbine.* |
| **Oil** | Composition and reserves  *Mixture of alkanes.*  *Reserves low.* | Processing methods.  *Fractional distillation used to separate alkanes into useful fractions. Separated according to boiling points.* | Uses.  *Transport fuels, manufacture of other chemicals* |

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| **Bioethanol** |  | Carbohydrates hydrolysed to glucose. Glucose fermented by yeast. Sugar cane or wheat husks used. | Blended into petrol or fuel cells |
| **Biogas** | Approx: methane 70%  CO2 25%, H2O 3%,  other 2% | Anaerobic (no oxygen) decomposition of organic waste such as sewage. | Burnt in generators to produce electrical energy. |
| **Biodiesel** | Ester: methanol + fatty acid | Transesterification of fatty acids and glycerol. | Blended with diesel or used as a diesel fuel in a pure state. |