

Grade 7 Vocabulary

Use of Vocabulary Words in Context

Week 10

Directions: Read the passage below to better understand the vocabulary words.

Alternative Energy Sources

Vocabulary Words

fossil fuels

plunging

surpass

subsidies

barring

significant

pessimism

transition

eliminate

impetus

hydropower

reliance

divest

solar

profoundly

Hint: When learning new terms, look for context clues to help determine the meaning. If the sentence you find the word in is not helpful, keep reading to see if it can be understood.

Perhaps you have heard talk of the use of **fossil fuels**. **Fossil fuels** are created by decaying organic material over the course of many years. The overuse of these lead to pollution as we **divest** resources that cannot be replaced. The alternative is to start using things like **solar** power and **hydropower** as an energy source. In many places, these are already in use and **surpass** the use of natural gas and coal. This is a great option, but the **transition** requires time, money, and effort.

Some find government **subsidies** provide an **impetus** to make the switch and totally **eliminate reliance** on fossil fuels, but **barring** some type of incentive, this is unlikely. Eventually, the **plunging** availability of coal and natural gas will force some areas to make a **significant** change, but this is something to prepare for sooner rather than later. It is **profoundly** important that we learn more about these alternative energy sources before it is too late, even though this sounds like **pessimism**. Knowledge about the options, make the actual transition much easier when it does become necessary.

Knowledge
+ Action

= Power
