

Beginning ABE Literacy (1.2)

Nonfiction

A breeze feels good. It can cool you off on a hot day. It also can be used to run machines. This is called wind power. It has been used for hundreds of years.

Most people in the U.S. use gas power. In the 1970s, there was a gas shortage. More people started using wind power. There is no shortage of wind.

How does wind turn into electricity? It starts with a windmill. A windmill has sails. They turn when the wind blows. A long pole inside the windmill turns, too. The pole is attached to gears. The gears run a motor. The motor makes and stores electricity.

People use electricity every day. They turn on lights. They watch TV. They charge cell phones.

What do you use electricity for?