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Unit4 – Lesson5

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Solar Energy



Water Resources

WHAT ENERGY SOURCES DO YOU KNOW ABOUT? HOW DO THEY AFFECT THE ENVIRONMENT?

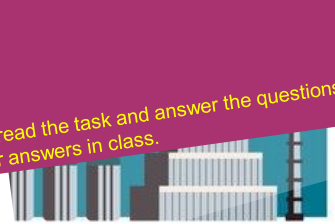
Have Ss read the task and answer the questions. Then elicit their answers in class.



Land Resources



Animal Resources



Natural Gas

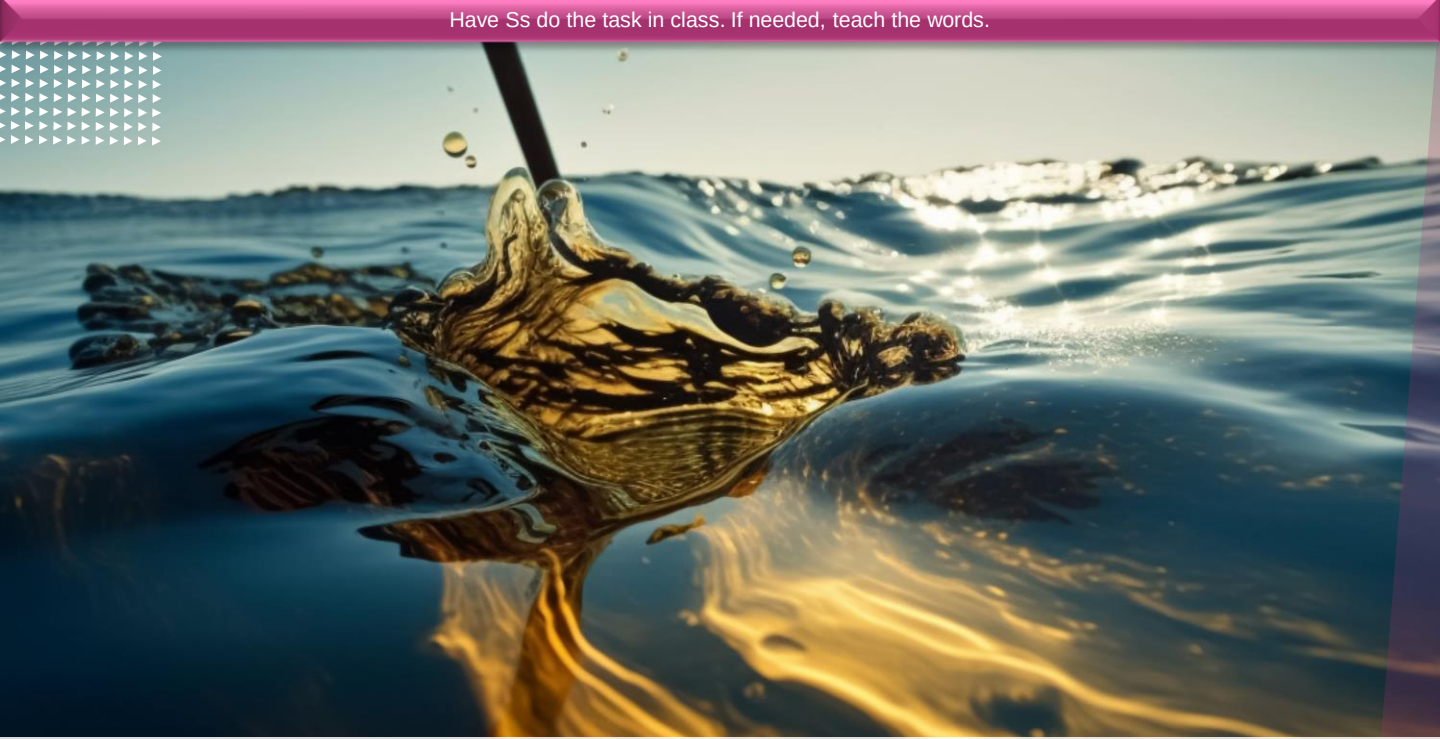


Precious Metals, Minerals, Rocks



Forest Res... Le...

Have Ss do the task in class. If needed, teach the words.



B Complete the sentences with the words in the box.

release	claim	leak

1. Some people _____ they can remove all the plastic from the ocean, but we're not sure.
2. Oil continued to _____ from the broken pipe into the river for days.
3. Cars _____ harmful chemicals into the air.

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Have Ss skim the text again and do the task. Then check the answers in class.

READ OSCAR'S BLOG.

DOES HE SUPPORT FRACKING? WHY OR WHY NOT?

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Fracking: An Environmental Danger

In the future, we could run out of traditional sources of energy, such as oil and gas, so people are looking for other ways to get fuel. One of the newest options is a process called fracking. During this process, fracking liquid is used to break open rocks deep underground and release gas and oil into special wells. Supporters of fracking claim that it is necessary because it will provide us with the fuel we need for the future. They also say that it is safe for people and the environment. However, the truth is that fracking is extremely dangerous for the environment and people living and working near fracking sites.

Supporters of fracking argue that fracking doesn't harm the environment as long as it's done properly, but that just isn't true. Fracking liquid contains harmful chemicals. They often leak into the water under the ground during the fracking process. A study by Duke University showed that fracking contaminates water. According to the study, water wells near fracking sites were seventeen times more polluted than other wells.

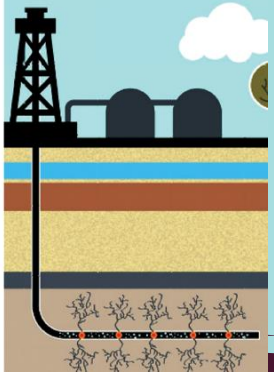
Fracking supporters also insist that fracking is safe for people. In truth, fracking causes very serious health problems. People drink the polluted water and get sick. A study by two American universities also concluded that people who live and work near fracking sites are more likely to have heart problems and cancer than other people.

In conclusion, fracking is very bad for the environment and people. In the future, we might need to find new sources of energy, but fracking is defi nitely not the answer.

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Teach the writing skill and have the Ss do the task in class.

2 FOCUS ON WRITING

Read the Writing Skill. Then reread Oscar's blog. Underline the ways that Oscar introduces opposing arguments. Then complete the chart.

WRITING SKILL Introduce opposing arguments

Writers introduce opposing arguments by identifying their opponents and using words or phrases like *say, think, claim, believe, insist,* and *argue that*.

Main Argument	
Opposing Argument 1	**Counterargument 1**
Fracking doesn't hurt the environment.	
Opposing Argument 2	**Counterargument 2**
Fracking is safe for people.	
Conclusion	

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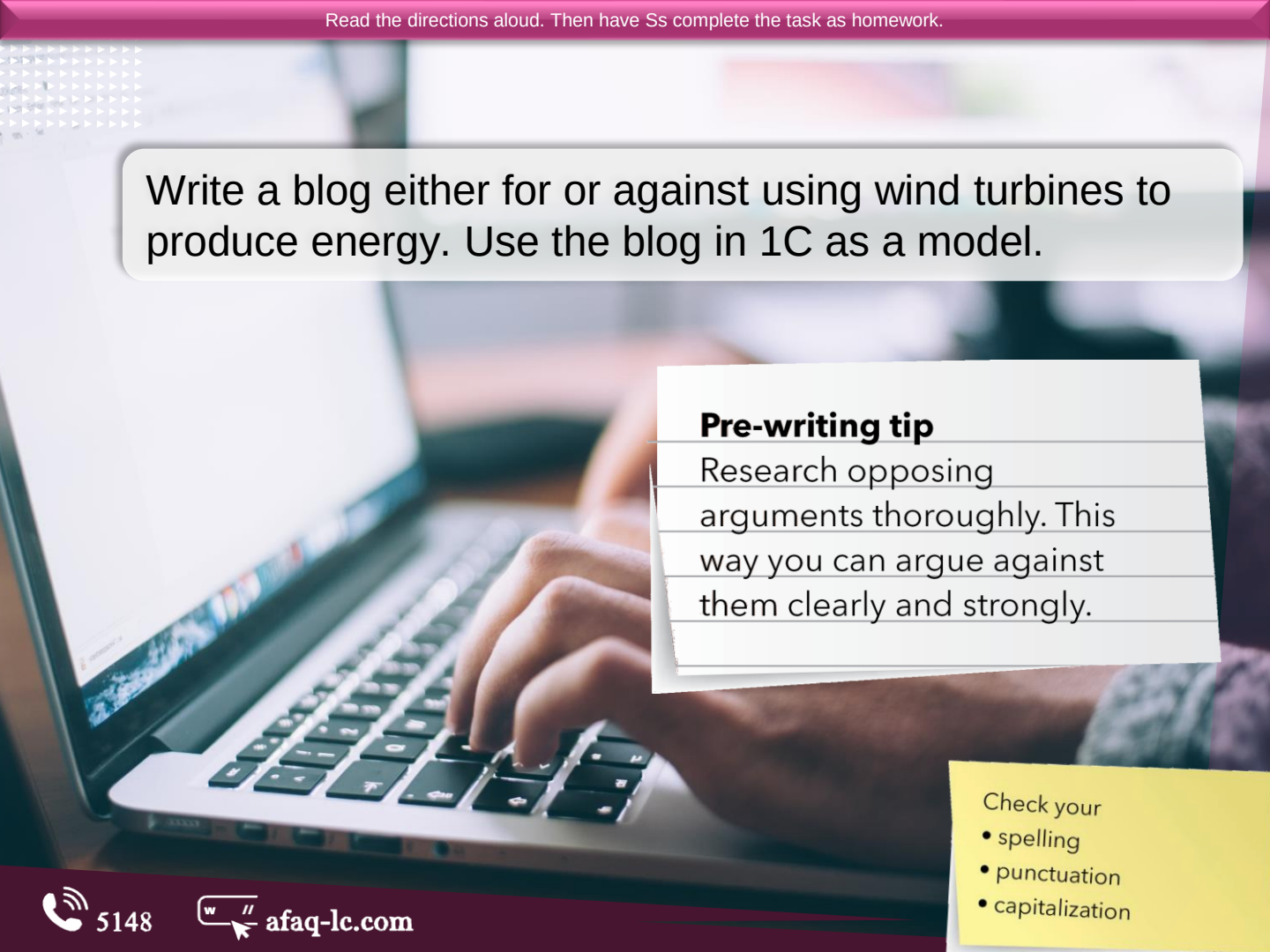


EXPLAIN WHY YOU THINK WIND TURBINES ARE A GOOD OR BAD WAY TO PRODUCE ENERGY.

Create breakout rooms and have the Ss do the task.

Read the directions aloud. Then have Ss complete the task as homework.

Write a blog either for or against using wind turbines to produce energy. Use the blog in 1C as a model.



Pre-writing tip

Research opposing arguments thoroughly. This way you can argue against them clearly and strongly.

Check your

- spelling
- punctuation
- capitalization