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This video explores the concept of entropy, a fundamental concept in physics that plays a role in everything from molecular collisions to the evolution of the universe. In the beginning, the video asks what the Earth gets from the sun, and people respond with answers like light, heat, energy, and vitamin D. The Earth receives energy from the sun every day, but it radiates back less energy into space compared to what it receives. This unequal radiation of energy is necessary to maintain the Earth's temperature and prevent it from getting too hot. The concept of entropy is explained using Sadi Carnot's ideal heat engine, which involves a chamber filled with air and two metal bars of different temperatures. The engine converts heat into mechanical work by exploiting the temperature gradient. Carnot's engine is completely reversible, meaning that it can be run in reverse without any additional input of energy. However, even in this ideal case, the engine cannot achieve 100% efficiency due to the second law of thermodynamics, which states that entropy tends to increase over time. The efficiency of an ideal heat engine depends on the temperature difference between the hot and cold sides. To reach 100% efficiency, either an infinite temperature on the hot side or absolute zero on the cold side would be required, both of which are impossible in practice. Real-world engines have lower efficiencies due to factors like friction and heat loss to the environment. The process of energy spreading out and becoming less usable is irreversible, and it is associated

with an increase in entropy. Entropy is described as a measure of the tendency of energy to spread out or become more dispersed. It is also referred to as the tendency for things to become more mixed, random, and less ordered. While entropy is often associated with disorder, it is more accurately seen as a measure of how usable energy becomes less concentrated over time. The second law of thermodynamics states that entropy in a closed system tends to increase, meaning that energy becomes more spread out and less available to do work. This law explains various natural phenomena, such as hot things cooling down and cool things heating up, the expansion of gases, and the impossibility of creating perpetual motion machines. The video then discusses how energy spreads out over time and the role of gravity in clumping matter together. It explains that the universe started with low entropy right after the Big Bang, and as matter clumped together, enormous amounts of potential energy were converted into kinetic energy, increasing entropy in the process. The universe's entropy has been increasing ever since. Black holes also contribute significantly to the entropy of the universe. Hawking radiation, emitted by black holes, confirmed that black holes have entropy. The video concludes by stating that all processes in the universe occur in a direction from low entropy to high entropy, leading to an arrow of time. Eventually, trillions of years from now, after all the black holes have evaporated, the universe will reach its most probable state with maximum entropy.