

Line chart

Question

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Introduction

we paraphrase the question we just change some words

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Overview - 2 sentences, 2 main points

we are looking for very general information on the graph, something is definitely the highest over almost the whole period. and something is the lowest figures in the whole of the graph

It is clear that nuclear power was **by far the most** important means of electricity generation over **the period shown**. Renewables provided **the lowest amount** of electricity in each year.

Details - compare the lines

begin at the beginning with the first year, and renewables provided a negligible amount.

In 1980, **thermal** power stations were the main source of electricity in France, generating **around 120 terawatt** hours of power. **Nuclear** and **hydroelectric** power stations produced **just under** 75 terawatt hours of electricity **each**, and **renewables** provided a **negligible amount**. Just one year latter, nuclear power **overtook** thermal power **as the primary** source of electricity.

Important tip when describing numbers

You can't write:

- Nuclear was 75 terawatt hours of electricity.
- Nuclear produced 75 terawatt hours of electricity.

You must write:

- Nuclear power was used to produce 75 terawatt hours of electricity.
- Nuclear power stations produced 75 terawatt hours of electricity.

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okay onto paragraph 4

Details

Between 1980 and 2005, **electricity production** from nuclear power **rose dramatically** to **a peak of** 430 terawatt hours. **By contrast**, the figure for thermal power **fell to** only 50 terawatt hours in 1985, and **remained at this level** for the rest of the period. Hydroelectric power generation remained **relatively stable**, at between 50 and 80 terawatt hours, for the whole 32-year period, but renewable electricity production saw **only a small rise** to **approximately** 25 terawatt hours by 2012.

No conclusion

Vocabulary

- amount of electricity produced 发电量
 - = electricity production 电力生产
- electricity => power
- source of/ provided/ generating
- means of electricity generation 发电手段
- over a period of/over the period shown
- **by far the most** important
 - by far the highest number
 - by far the most
- a negligible amount
 - very low
 - almost nothing
 - not noticeable
- nuclear power overtook thermal power

- as the primary source of electricity
 - primary source->main
- **rose dramatically** to a peak of
 - rose, rise的过去式, rose dramatically 急剧上升
 - peak of, 峰值
- by contrast
 - 相比之下
- the figure for
 - the figure for nuclear power....
- remained at this level, remained stable
 - 保持在这个水平, 保持稳定
- saw only a small rise
 - 只看到一个小的上升
 - nuclear power see a rapid increase of dramatic increase, but renewable saw only a small rise