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W: What does the term “**alternative** energy source” mean?

M: When we think **of** energy or fuel for our homes and cars, /we think **of** **petroleum**, /a **fossil fuel** processed from oil /removed from the ground, /of which there was a limited supply. But alternative fuels can be many things. Wind, sun and **water**/ can all be used to create fuel.

W: Is **it** a threat **of** running out **of** petroleum real?

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M: It has taken thousands **of** years /to create the natural stores **of** petroleum we have now. We are using what **is** available /at **a** much faster rate than **it** **is** being produced over time. The real **controversy** surrounding the mass petroleum we have/ is how much we need to keep **in** **reserve** for future use. Most experts **agree** that by around 2025, /the amount **of** petroleum we use /will reach **a** peak. Then production and availability will begin to seriously decline. This **is** **not** to say/ there will be no petroleum at this point. But **it**’ll become very difficult and therefore expensive to extract.

W: Is that the most important reason to develop alternative fuel and energy sources?

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M: There are two very clear reasons to do so. One is that /whether we have 60 or 600 years **of** fossil fuels left, / we have to find other fuel sources eventually. So the sooner we start, /the **better off** we will be. The **other** big argument is /that when you burn fossil fuels, /you **release substances trapped** in the ground/ for **a** long time, /which leads to some long-term negative effects, / like global warming and the greenhouse effect.