Nature facts (Wind energy)

1. Are there any energy production methods that do not require water?

Wind energy is an energy production method where there is no need for water. Huge amounts of water are utilized for cooling by <u>coal</u>, <u>nuclear</u>, and <u>natural gas</u> plants. During electricity generation, the wind's kinetic energy is transformed into mechanical energy, which then becomes electrical energy. The <u>wind</u> <u>energy</u> method is environmentally beneficial.

2. What do you know about wind farms?

In a wind farm, there are many wind turbines that are located in the same area. The number of <u>wind</u> <u>turbines</u> varies. For example, there are about 100 wind turbines located in the same area. These turbines are interconnected by underground cables that supply electricity to a transformer substation.

3. The biggest wind farm in the world is located in which country?

Located in China, the <u>Gansu Wind Farm</u> is the largest wind farm in the world. With a capacity of 20 GW and over 7,000 turbines, the Gansu wind farm is the world's largest wind power installation.

4. Can excessive wind speed damage wind turbines?

Yes, excessive wind speed can damage the wind turbine. Wind turbines can tolerate up to the speed of 90 km/hr wind. When wind speed increases above 90 km/hr, turbines are shut down to prevent damage.

5. When was the first modern turbine built?

The first modern wind turbine was built in 1941. It was the <u>Smith-Putnam wind turbine</u> that was in *Vermont*.

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