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Wind is Energy

Student Guide



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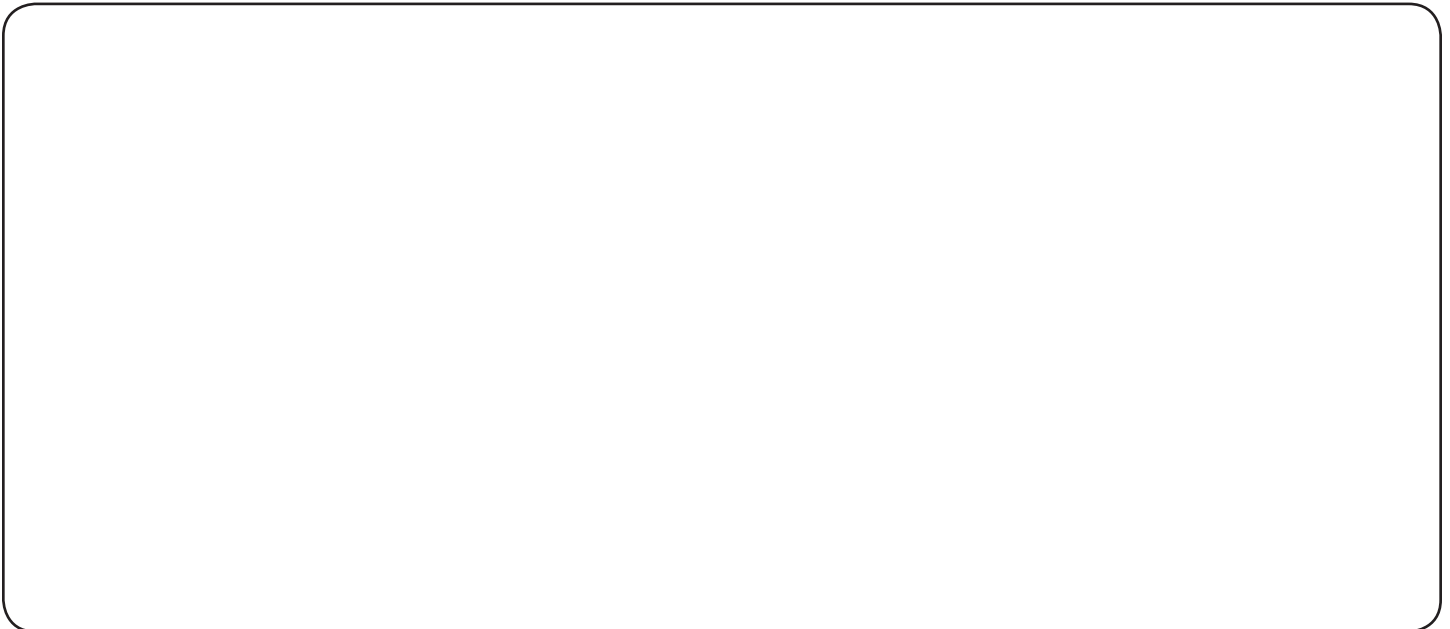


Date: _____

Wind

Question: What evidence is there that the wind is blowing?

Observe the wind. Draw pictures of evidence that the wind is blowing.



Date: _____

Wind

Question: What evidence did you find that proved the wind was blowing?

Look back at your evidence that the wind was blowing. Describe how the wind was blowing. Write about what you saw that proves the wind was blowing.

Date: _____

Energy Search

Question: How do we use energy at school?

Energy is light.



Energy is sound.



Energy is heat.



Energy is motion and growth.



Energy runs machines.



Date: _____

Pinwheels

Question: What makes the pinwheel spin?

Date: _____

Wind Can Do Work, Part 1

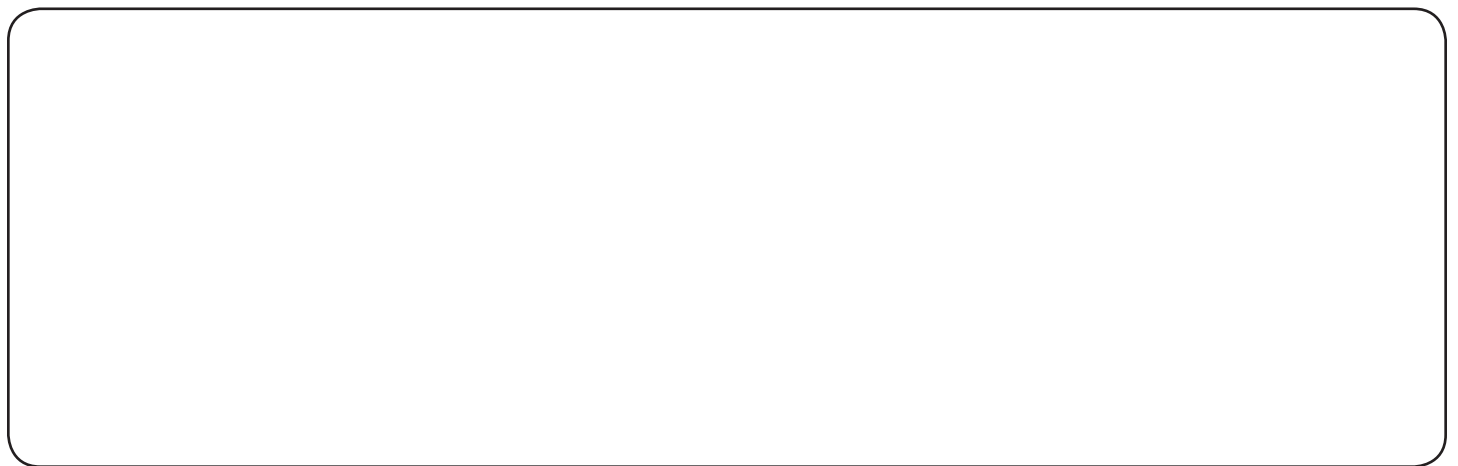
Guiding Question: How can wind do work?

Question: What will happen when wind blows into the windmill?

I predict _____

because _____

Draw a picture and use words to explain what happened.



Date: _____

1. Make your windmill.
2. Draw a diagram of the windmill below and label the parts.

Windmill Diagram

Date: _____

Wind Can Do Work, Part 2

Question: How many paper clips can the wind lift to the top of the windmill?

I predict _____

because _____

Trial	Number of Paper Clips	Lifted to the top? (Yes or No)
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		
10		

Date: _____

Question: _____

Weightlifter Turbine Diagram

Date: _____

Blade Design Ideas

Draw some ideas you have for what the blades could look like.

My blade design ideas...

My group's blade design will be...

Date: _____

Question: _____

I predict _____

because _____

Data:

Date: _____

Data and Observations Continued:

Date: _____

Wind Measurement Tools

Draw diagrams of the wind measuring tools you will be using. Label each one and tell what it measures.

Date: _____

Measuring the Wind

Question: Will the wind blow the same speed in different locations around the school?

I predict _____

because _____

Data and Observations: From what direction is the wind blowing?

Date: _____

Location	Time	Revolutions in 10 Seconds	Speed

Date: _____

What are You Wondering About?

After learning something new, scientists often have even more questions to which they want to find answers.

- What questions about wind do you still have?
- How can you find the answers to your questions?



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