

Your Great Uncle from Bulgaria is a retired local bureaucrat, who was involved with energy policy in Sofia.

Try to sequence these memories of his. He sometimes confuses dates and the order of things as he's getting quite old now and hasn't been well.

If it helps, put them in a timeline from 1920 - 2020

1. I remember the end of the so-called 'Iron curtain' in 1990 – for most of my life I lived in a country that was heavily influenced by Russian decisions. Suddenly we had a new government, but energy was less certain.
2. When I was young, most energy was from coal, or burning wood and charcoal in stoves. This was before the arrival of nuclear and these renewable energy options.
3. It was 2006 when the first big windfarm went up in the Balkan Mountains. Some people said that it ruined the landscape, but we need to try to get back to self-sufficiency.
4. They closed our nuclear power station down at Kozloduy too. Apparently it was judged to be one of the most risky ones in the world and we had to close it in 2005 as part of our plans to join the European Union. Now we've got a new one being built at Belene on the Danube, being built by the Russians too !
5. Bulgaria has good potential for wind and solar energy. I remember the first solar farm opening in 1977 to produce hot water for homes. When I was a lad back in the 1930s we had a bath in front of the fire, heated in buckets.
6. Many of my friends from school worked in coal mines in Pernik and Bobov Dol. Dangerous work, but at least we knew it was energy that was Bulgarian.
7. These days, we are turning some of our food crops into biodiesel. This has had a huge increase since 2010. In my day we turned grain into vodka, now we run our cars on it !
8. In January 2009, there was a problem with the gas pipelines due to a dispute over gas prices. The pipelines which run through Bulgaria were shut down. There were big problems at the time.
9. Although not everyone thinks nuclear power is safe, especially with the risk of earthquakes in the country, it's at least a regular and reliable source of energy, and will help us meet our EU targets for 2020
10. I remember November 1989. The Berlin wall came down, and the day after that, people were demonstrating to get rid of the socialists who were in charge. Energy is a political issue.

11. After Bulgaria joined the EU in 2007, we were able to get grants from the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) – this allowed the development of new energy projects.
12. A lot of the countries solar energy is at a place called Bourgas near the Black Sea. A Russian company is planning to invest money in 2012 to build a new solar plant in the area.
13. These days, we also do a lot of deals with Arab countries like Kuwait. Oil is the thing that brings us together.
14. I hear they are going to put offshore wind farms in the Black Sea. I hope this doesn't have an impact on the tourist industry in that area

These questions were provided by Ralitsa, our PhD researcher:

- **What energy is being produced – how is that different to before?**
- **What are the changes in energy that are taking place right now and in the near future?**

Using your Great Uncle's memories and additional material which your teacher may provide you with, answer these two questions as accurately as possible