

Financial Times: Conflict and Energy

Theme and specification links

Conflicts in regions that supply key energy resources can have impacts that are felt in markets around the world. This resource looks at the conflict in the Middle East and how this could affect energy security in the UK and Europe.

The link to the article from the Financial Times can be found here: [UK energy bills: businesses and households face new price shock.](#)

This article underpins many aspects of energy security within the A Level Specifications specifically:

AQA

3.2.5.4 Energy security

3.2.5.6 Resource futures.

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6.4 Energy security is a key goal for countries, with most relying on fossil fuels.

6.5 Reliance on fossil fuels to drive economic development is still the global norm.

6.6 There are alternatives to fossil fuels, but each has costs and benefits.

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3.5 Topic B1: Energy Security.

3.7.3b Developing nations have changing relationships with powerful countries.

CIE (2027-2029)

12.1.3 Factors at the national scale (environmental, social, economic, political) affecting demand and supply and the balance between different sources of energy.

12.1.4 Detailed specific examples of two contrasting countries' electrical energy production and sources of energy at the national scale.

13.1 Global trade patterns and change.

(Eduqas) and WJEC

(3)4.4.3 The changing demand for energy.

(3)4.4.5 Problems associated with extraction, transport and use of energy.

(3)4.4.6 Energy mixes and development.

(3)4.4.7 The need for sustainable solutions to meet the demand for energy.

(3)4.3.6 Threats to India's environment associated with economic growth.

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4.c. Mitigation and adaptation are complementary strategies for reducing and managing the risks of climate change.



Key terms 

Use the article and your own knowledge to define the key terms below:

Energy demand

Heat pumps

LNG

Offshore wind

Price cap

Wholesale energy

Article summary 

Summarise the article using up to 10 short bullet points. Can you classify them? If so, what classifications would you put them in?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Wider issues

Write a question here to consider other issues that might influence the points in the article.

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Comparing UK and Europe

Using the article, compare causes and effects of energy security between the UK and Europe. Make sure you add named examples.

	UK	Europe
Causes		
Effects		

Potential futures

Use this space to identify solutions and their implications.

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Synoptic links



Note down any synoptic links using your specification to help you. A mind map might be helpful here.

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5 examination style questions

1. Analyse the graph 'Direct debit price cap (£'000)' in the article.
2. To what extent do conflicts impact energy supply in the UK?
3. Explain why energy security is different in the UK to that of Europe.
4. Explain ways in which the UK can be energy secure.
5. Assess the role international trade agreements influence energy security.