

Example Text: Review of Media Text

How is it Made? Fuel
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Classroom Video
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5 minutes

When you go to the petrol station and mum or dad fills up the car, do you ever wonder where the fuel actually comes from? It's amazing to see how many products, we use everyday, are made from the same material we put in our cars. From shoes, to pens, and even drink bottles, they are all made from oil.

This video gives us a fascinating look into how oil was created in the first place and the process it goes through before it is ready to be used as fuel, or in other manufacturing. The two child narrators also examine some of the environmental problems caused by human's use of fuel such as oil spills and air pollution. Unfortunately oil is a non renewable resource, which means one day it will be all gone. But luckily, scientists are working on ways to meet our energy needs. Already we can buy hybrid cars that use a lot less fuel than normal cars, and solar vehicles are continually being developed and improved. I wonder – what more will the future hold?

Making fuel is a very complicated process, yet the way the narrators explain the specific language and use moving diagrams to highlight key points makes it simple to follow. The experiments shown use everyday items that anyone can access. These scenes use close-up photography so the audience can clearly see what is going on. At other times, when dealing with the hustle and bustle of modern life, the scenes are short and quick and almost flash from one to the next. The topic was examined without bias and stuck to the facts.

Students from middle primary, and even some in upper primary, would benefit from this knowledge about how one of our most important resources is developed. It could even lead them into developing new ideas about what their own futures might look like. A great classroom resource rated 9/10.

